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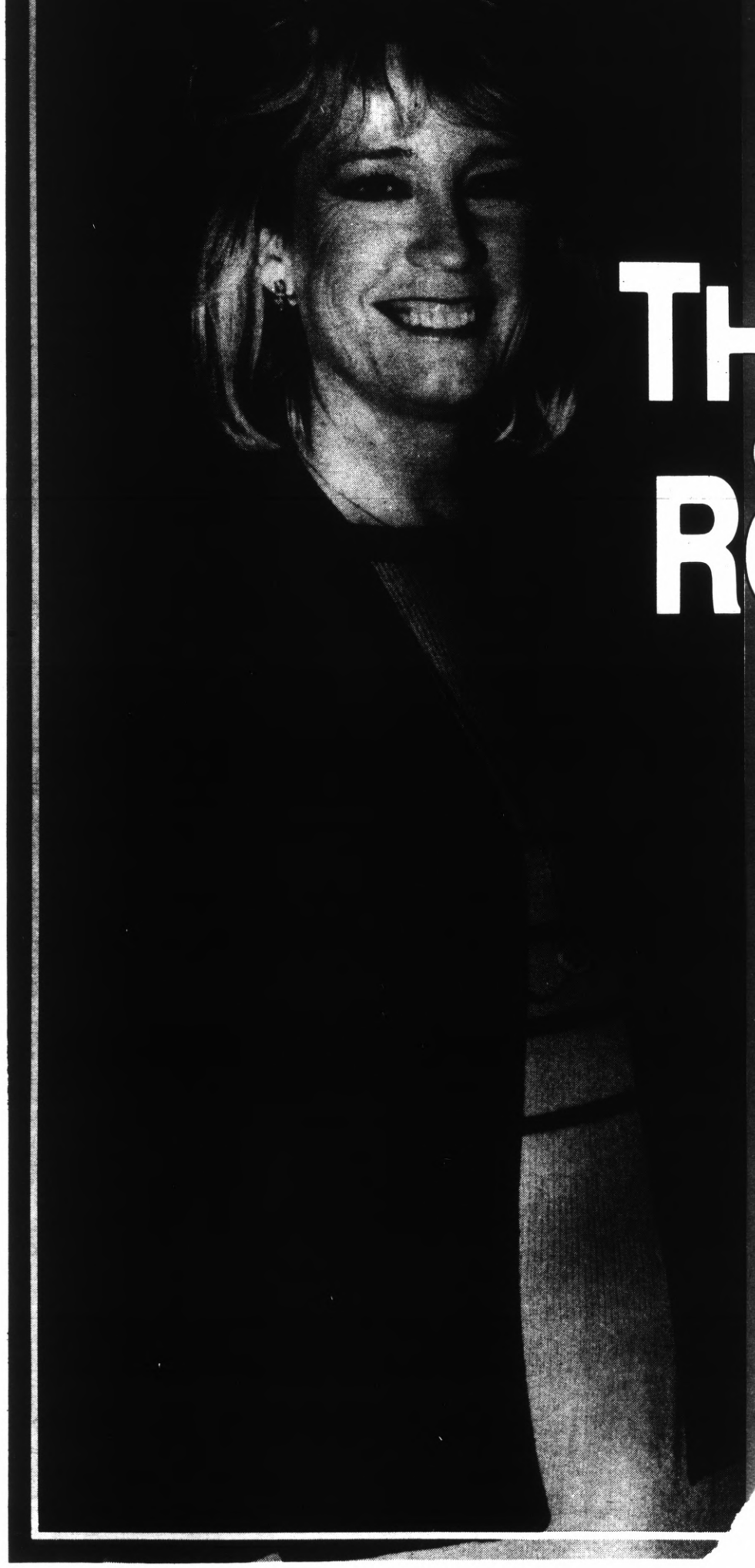

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*"The people must have something good to read on a Sunday."*
—The Clash

*"A city that is set upon a hill cannot be hid."*
—Jesus of Nazareth

# NEWS *on the* MARCH

**EXPOSURE EXPOSE:** A House Energy and Commerce subcommittee revealed last Friday that between the mid-1940s and the 1970s Federal agencies used human subjects in radiation experiments.

According to the subcommittee report the experiments were intended to measure the effects of radioactive substances such as plutonium, radium, and uranium on the human body. The subjects consumed, inhaled, or were injected with dosages of up to 98 times the recognized tolerance level. Hundreds of people, including prisoners, the elderly, and the terminally ill, took part in the experiments. No consent documents exist for many of the cases.

"Did the intense desire to know the consequences of radioactive exposure. . . lead American scientists to mimic the kind of demented human experiments conducted by the Nazis?" asked subcommittee chair Edward J. Markey in the report. Markey advised the Energy department to locate the surviving test subjects and compensate them for damages suffered from exposure to radiation.

**FOREIGN SERVICE FOREIGNERS:** A suit filed in federal court two weeks ago on behalf of 259 Black Foreign Service officers charged the State Department with consistent racial discrimination. Claiming that the State Department's policies violate the Civil Rights Act, the suit demands back pay and raises for Blacks who have been unfairly passed over for promotion.

"When we speak of systemic discrimination, we're not talking about something that started yesterday. It is institutional, and it transcends administrations," Bernard Johns, a Black 18-year Foreign Service veteran and a plaintiff in the suit, told the Los Angeles *Times*.

According to the suit, of the 4014 Foreign Service officers who have served since January, 1984, only 6.3 percent are Black. The plaintiffs also charge that Blacks are less likely to be promoted, and are forced to retire while still in the lower ranks.

In response to the suit, State Department spokesperson Charles Redman said, "Major changes in department procedures designed to improve the career opportunities of minorities are in the process of being implemented."

The State Department has also faced complaints of forced retirement—from both whites and Blacks—from the American Foreign Service Association, a labor union for diplomats. The organization claims that the State Department currently forces 90 percent of all Foreign Service workers to leave before they reach retirement age.

**GASSED FOR LIFE:** According to a study released by the General Accounting Office last Thursday, at least 290,000 federal employees with access to classified information have signed lifetime contracts which allow federal censorship of their speeches and written articles.

The agreements—signed during the last five years—are the result of a Reagan Administration policy aimed at strengthening the security of intelligence information. Although congressional pressures forced President Reagan to modify the 1981 policy, most parts still remain in effect.

"It is apparent that this administration has begun a massive censorship campaign throughout the federal government, and while many thought that the president had decided to abandon the policy, it has not stopped," Representative Jack Brooks (D-Texas), chair of the House Government Operations Committee, told reporters.

**THE WAR AT HOME:** Officials in Washington have confirmed a plan to train Nicaraguan rebel officers at military bases in the US and Puerto Rico. The decision follows pronouncements by the governments of Costa Rica, Honduras, and El Salvador objecting to the use of their land for training the US-backed contras. Three countries have complained that such an arrangement would further involve them in the war in Nicaragua and invite possible retaliation.

The Reagan administration reportedly ordered the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines to recommend suitable training sites in the US where domestic opposition would be at a minimum. "Part of the idea is to reduce the political fallout from the training," one official told the Los Angeles *Times*. "So it's not going to be in downtown Los Angeles or anyplace else where it would draw a lot of protesters. And if people do find it, we'll just move it somewhere else."

Meanwhile, the Nicaraguan Sandinistas, in preparation for a stepped-up war with the US-backed contras, have received large shipments of military hardware from the Soviet Union in recent weeks. The shipments reportedly include six to eight new Soviet MI-24 assault helicopters, and they also have acquired new surface-to-air missiles that are more sophisticated than any they previously owned.

**THE GOOD BOOK AND TEXTBOOKS:** A national campaign against the Godless influence of "secular humanism" in public education scored a major victory last week in a Greenville, Tennessee federal court. In a case brought to trial by a small group of fundamentalist Christian parents, Judge Thomas Hull ruled that the plaintiffs had a right to shelter their children from textbooks that offended their religious beliefs.

The books at issue in the case were part of a basic reading series approved by the state of Tennessee and used in over 15,000 school districts around the country. Some of the more objectional material include *The Wizard of Oz* and *Cinderella*, as well as passages that credited earthquakes as the cause of tidal waves. Judge Hull found nothing wrong with the content of the reading and did not order their removal from the curriculum. Rather, he said his decision rested on whether the plaintiffs' objections were based on sincerely held religious convictions. He found that they were, and as a result, ruled in his summary statement that a child should be allowed to "withdraw to a study hall or the library during his or her regular reading period at the school and to study reading with a parent later at home."

Anthony Podesta, president of People for the American Way, which helped pay expenses for the Greenville School Board's defense, told the New York *Times*, "this decision is a recipe for disaster for public education. It invites every sect in the country to pick and choose which books it will accept."

Timothy Dyk, a Washington attorney who represented the school board, said he would push to higher courts for an appeal. If ultimately affirmed by the Supreme Court, he said the decision would lead to "a fundamental reshaping of the public schools." He said that the schools don't want to have children coming in and out of school for parts of the day. "So what you'll have is the formation of the lowest common denominator education—that which is not objectionable to anyone."

One of the plaintiffs, Vicki Frost, a mother of four, said that she could read the insidious influence of secular humanism in much of her children's readings. "Humanism in its essence denies God as the Creator," she told the New York *Times*, and that it teaches that "in man is the meaning of all things." Describing an exercise in which seventh graders were asked to imagine themselves as a part of nature, she said, "Our children's imaginations have to be bounded."

**A STEEL DEAL:** Company officials at USX, one of the largest steelmakers in the US, announced last weekend that they were close to a settlement that would end the United Steel Workers three-month old strike. The August 1 walkout, which idled 22,000 steelworkers, is one of the largest strikes in the US in more than two decades, and the first at USX (formerly US Steel) since 1959.

USX chairperson David Roderick resumed negotiations with the union early last week after a New York investor, who owns an 11.4 percent stake in the company, threatened to mount a hostile stock takeover unless the company boosted shareholder value. The beleaguered steel and oil giant has lost much of its market share, and was forced to cancel the orders of major buyers as a result of the strike.

Despite Roderick's optimistic assessment of the union negotiations, some of the company's big customers question the prospect of a quick agreement. "They were so far apart when the strike began that they'd be lucky to have something in place by the end of November," one major buyer told the *Wall Street Journal*. Added another, "They have been out (on strike) so long that I just routinely plan for life without US Steel."

One of the thornier issues that has yet to be resolved is the company's use of low-cost non-union labor in an effort to boosts profitability. USX has offered to curtail use of non-union laborers if the union will agree to perform the work as cheaply. Union negotiators want USX to restrict subcontracting regardless of costs.

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## KZSC's Reorganization

# Adjusting the Air Supply

HOLGER LEUE

**The administration is reorganizing KZSC to give student staff—like deejay Eric Bickford—more say in how the station is run.**

by Matt Levy

THE PROGRAMMING sounds familiar, and the East House—home of the station—looks the same. But inside, transformations are in store as KZSC prepares itself for a changing future. The administration, viewing the station as having too much control by community members, is aiming to secure a student-operated station and has directed KZSC and Campus Activities to draw up a new management plan. Ironically, students at the station charge they are not being seriously consulted in setting up the plan intended to benefit them.

Under the direction of Chancellor Robert Sinsheimer, Campus Activites Coordinator Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia and Student Services Manager Lee Duffus wrote a nine-page set of guidelines for the future management of the station last July, entitled "Student Services Report and Recommendations on KZSC." By November 10, new KZSC Station Manager Maggie O'Grady and Wimbley-Gouveia will work out an action plan to implement the station's new internal structure, using both the report and input from KZSC members.

Anthony Von der Muhll, a student deejay at KZSC, is frustrated with the process by which the management plan is being organized. According to Von der Muhll, in 1982 "KZSC's constitution was drawn up and ratified by KZSC students and community members," and will be "nullified" by the new management plan. He explained that, due to restrictions set down by the administration, students can't be "involved in writing up the station management plan, and they won't get to vote on it." He added that "there does seem to be a certain amount of hypocrisy involved when the administration says they are doing this for the good of the station, and yet students are not going to have a hand in drawing up the management plan."

Wimbley-Gouveia explained that the plan will say "who will do what and by which date," and that it "will not answer all the questions" about KZSC's re-organization. Wimbley-Gouveia and O'Grady held a meeting with student station members last night, to receive their input on the plan. Wimbley-Gouveia also emphasized, "Some students might say [the deadline for the plan] is too early for students to digest fully how they want to run their station. But we must do it now to guarantee the balance of reg fee funding." (Half of KZSC's funding for this year is being withheld until January, pending a demonstrated effort to include more students in the station management.)

The move to reorganize began two years ago, when the Registration Fee Committee, in response to student claims that the station was giving too much air time to community members and students did not control the station, asked the administration to set up a task force to investigate the station's structure and operations.

The task force, consisting of three students, two campus staff members, and a member of the faculty, was formed in October 1985 and finished its study in April 1986. The report concluded that, even though students made up the majority of KZSC's general staff and governing boards, many were having problems getting air time, in part due to a lack of funding to adequately train students.

Rachel Goodman, current KZSC development director, concurred with the report, saying that over the past year, KZSC has made a commitment to include more students on the airwaves, but the problems of providing sufficient training persist.

Goodman said she approves of the task forces' suggestions, which include expanding the station's facilities, and was "surprised how closely their recommendations and observations parallel" her own. The task force, according to Goodman, recognized that the station was "loosely organized" and it recommended more financial support to revamp the station's organization.

IN MAY, THE REGISTRATION Fee Committee agreed with the reports sentiment that KZSC should be a student-run station, but recommended a different approach to achieve that goal. Despite then-station manager Kellie Stoddard's report that the station was indeed working to bring in more students (and that student airtime had increased 13 percent over the year), the committee saw "no real change," and said non-student members continued to control the station.

With this in mind, the committee recommended KZSC be denied a requested $28,113 funding increase. It also proposed that the chancellor release only one-third of KZSC's $34,991 Reg Fee allocation, with the remaining two-thirds to be allocated January 1, 1987 under the condition that the station develop a plan allowing students to "occupy two hours out of every three hours sequential air time."

In June, the chancellor went against the recommendations of both the task force and the Reg Fee Committee, and approved only one-half of KZSC's reg fee funding, amounting to $17,495. He also asked that Student Services write guidelines for future management of the station.

The other half of Reg Fee funding is pending, and according to Vice Chancellor of Student Services Bruce Moore, should be allotted to KZSC in January if the station shows a "reasonable attempt" to restructure itself along the guidelines set this summer. He added that "the basic components" of reorganizing KZSC are spelled out in the guidelines.

Student Services solicited written recommendations from KZSC staff members in preparing the guidelines, but the report was written solely by Wimbley-Gouveia and Duffus. Lisa Castor, a student volunteer at KZSC last year, said one of the reasons KZSC did not have more input into writing the report is that the UCSC administration "does not have a lot of confidence in the station." Goodman also noted that "the two people who wrote the guidelines don't have a background in radio and were given a very short time to write it."

Wimbley-Gouveia explained that the management plan she and O'Grady are working on is a "time table" for restructuring the station's internal operations and is not a final plan. She added that under the plan, KZSC will be "recast as a sub-unit of Campus Activities," because, she said, "it needs more care and attention "than a student organization." In Moore's opinion, "KZSC has always been a sub-unit of Campus Activities." But he added that Campus Activities will be "ultimately responsible to see" that KZSC's "money is spent appropriately" and that "personnel transactions" are "handled within University policy." He argued that this has been the role of Campus Activities in the past, but "it was never articulated and now is a matter of written record." It is included in Duffus' and Wimbley-Gouveia's Student Services report.

The Student Service Report recommends disbanding the present staff-elected Board of Directors and replacing it with a management committee composed of student managers from each department at KZSC. The committee would supervise day-to-day operations, with assistance on long-range policy issues from an advisory board comprised of students, staff and faculty with radio expertise. O'Grady, who was hired at KZSC when Stoddard resigned from the position this past summer, said she is "soliciting advice" from the KZSC staff and is "very open" to suggestions for organizing the management plan.

Goodman explained that the administration is giving KZSC until June to make the transition, but she thinks that is not enough time to train students for such positions. She forsees some students acting as co-directors with more experienced non-student directors until fully trained, "simply because there is so much to learn." She also said such positions as news director and production director should never be student positions, "because they require previous technical expertise," and, since UCSC does not have a broadcast journalism program, she wonders where experienced students would come from.

The student services report advised that the program board, management committee and station coordinator construct a block-programming policy for the station, which Goodman explained, "will place shows at specific times—the deejays may change, but the shows will remain at the same time." In the past, KZSC changed its programming schedule every quarter to fit the deejays' schedules. Goodman said KZSC would be experimenting with this new programming for "about a year to see how it works." She believes the listening audience will grow as a result, since listeners will become accustomed to hearing each kind of programming at a certain time.

The report states that, as the new student-run governing structure evolves, non-students may be "phased out." Yet Goodman explained that "those [non-students] who are contributing are going to be kept." Though their positions might change, she said, "anybody who is important will stay in a significant role."

A clause in the report that disturbed many at KZSC suggests the station could be shut down while KZSC's internal operations are restructured. According to Moore, KZSC would have to close its doors only "in the most precipitous circumstances." He said if "students at KZSC would not implement it [the management plan]," KZSC would be temporarily shut down.

Goodman claimed that closing down the station in a period of transition would be disastrous. "The whole idea is to increase the effectiveness of the organization," she said, "and when you turn your station off, you lose listeners quickly."

Von der Muhll said that despite staff and funding problems, "KZSC is looking good at the moment." He explained the "key test will be in January when the administration decides whether to release the other half of the Reg Fee money." He added that another test will come this June "when all community members who haven't been specifically invited to remain on the station, will be shut out the door."

"Whatever happens," said Goodman, "KZSC has a strong will to survive, and if necessary, we'll scrape by on the seat of our pants."

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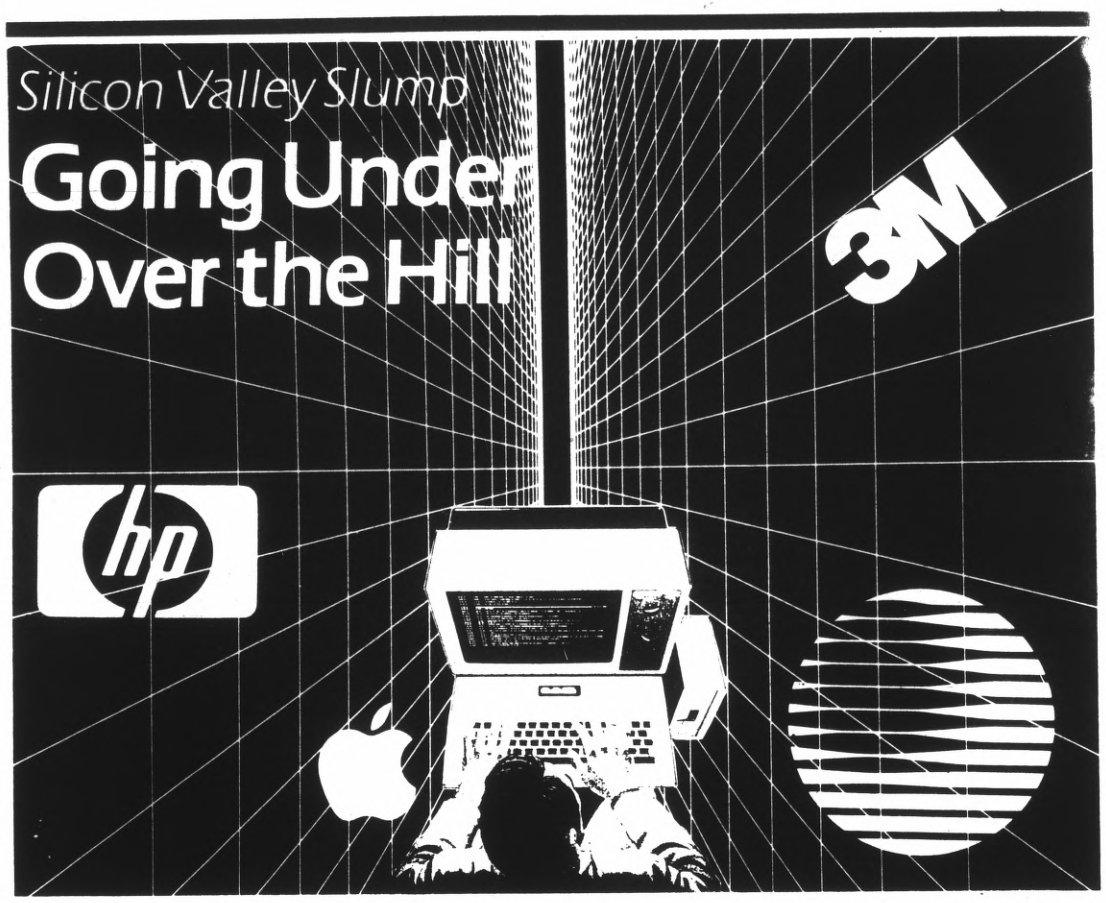


by Garth Wolkoff

AS HIGH TECHNOLOGY looms larger in the American consciousness and consumer market, why is the regional hub of the industry, Silicon Valley, undergoing a major economic slump? UCSC's Silicon Valley Research Group sponsored a symposium last weekend, inviting industry experts and members of academia to discuss this question and ponder the future of high-tech industries.

Though the 28 panelists spoke to the about 100 attendees on a variety of topics, including the effects of the arms industry, automation, and manufacturing strategy, one viable solution emerged by the end of the conference: the industry must focus more on catering to a wider variety of consumer needs and less on research and development if it wishes to remain economically viable.

The Silicon Valley Research Group, which was founded eight years ago by several UCSC students, and now includes members of the faculty, has concentrated recent efforts on what group director and UCSC politics professor Richard Gordon describes as the "social organization of high technology." "One of the reasons for this conference," said Gordon, "is to enable people to understand that the future of the industry depends upon more than just the capacity of Silicon Valley to churn out equipment."

The once-booming profits of computer and other related high-tech industries have leveled off in the last 18 months, causing unemployment in some sectors of the field and financial distress among many companies, including once-invulnerable IBM. This dilemma, says Gordon, comes from an industry-wide imbalance—"Enormous amounts of work have gone into the development of technology," he said, "But very little thought is going into how to utilize and deploy this technology."

Gordon said the demand for Silicon Valley products has diminished in recent months. He emphasized that while personal computers and other products continue to come off the assembly line, Silicon Valley must apply its technology to the needs of a broader spectrum of society, or its industry will collapse. "Unless you can somehow link those products with the social needs of people, and the organizational requirements of firms in other segments of the economy," said Gordon, "the market won't be there."

Many of the panelists echoed the Silcon Valley Research Group's call for improved social applications of high-technology. Sheridan Tatsuno, senior analyst at Dataquest, Inc., a Silicon Valley research firm, and author of *Technopolis Strategy*, said diversity is the key to the success of new technologies. "They're just not asking what the consumer needs," he said. "They're not asking welfare mothers, farmers, labor union leaders—people who don't have anything to do with high tech—what their problems are."

Though the technology exists for products with a greater mass appeal, said Tatsuno, innovators in the industry have created more technology than is usable, while not focusing on marketing techniques. "They're computer nerds and they're just trying to outwit each other," he said. "They have 59 versions, colors, of the personal computer, with only one application. Who needs it?"

One of the reasons for the recent drop in demand for Silicon Valley products, Tatsuno contends, is the flood of Japanese equipment into the market. The Japanese, according to current thought, use American technology to produce lower cost goods with better manufacturing methods. As is to be expected, many of the speakers at the conference called for a closer look at successful Japanese production methods, which incorporate a much more sophisticated level of automation.

Frederick Zieber of Dataquest also feels competition has depleted the industry's present market. Only 30 percent of high-tech companies in the Silicon Valley, said Zieber, "are presently doing well." The unemployment rate for electronic jobs is well over the current national unemployment rate, he says, and hard times will remain in the Valley because new companies appear frequently and others fold just as often.

Despite current trends, the long-term forecast is better, according to Zieber. Dataquest held a similar conference two weeks ago, attended by 450 semiconductor industry executives, and Zieber feels optimistic about what he heard there and at UCSC last weekend. "I've been encouraged by the interest—by people within the industry talking about the problems and talking about the solutions," he said.

Whether or not industry in Silicon Valley will find a cure for its present economic woes remains to be seen. Perhaps, as Zieber points out, discussion is the first step toward revitalizing the economy. A few experts suggest relocating the high-tech industry to the south-west, giving innovators time and space to bring the industry back to its production output of a few years ago. If such a move occurs, or if high-tech business continues to decline, the Silicon Valley may become just another ghost town, another example of a busted boom economy.

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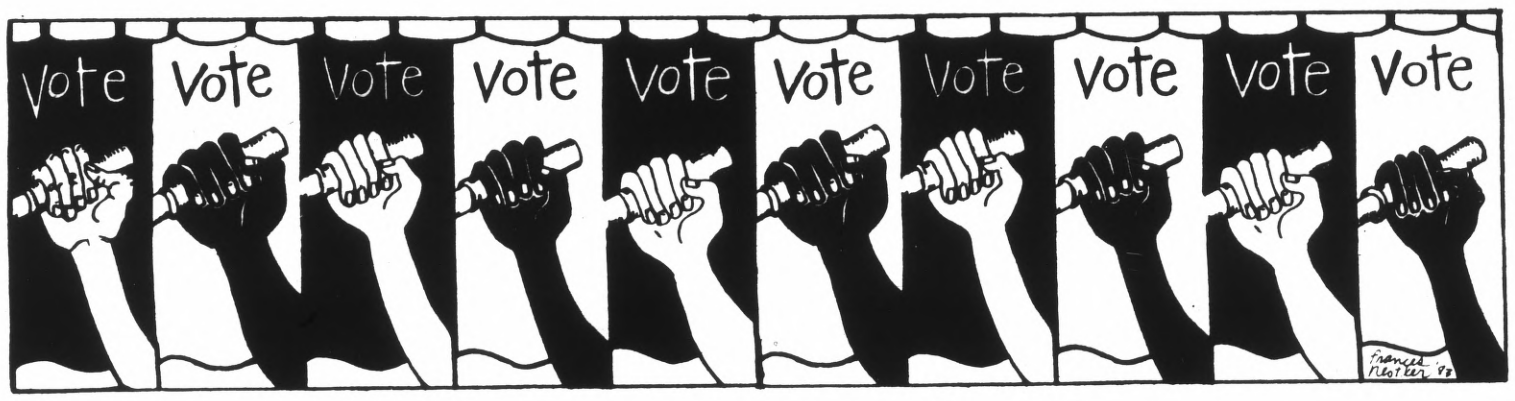


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# CAMPUS *clips*

## Controversy Still Developing

Questions about both the content and the process of the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) continued to be raised when the LRDP committee held another public workshop Tuesday night. Many campus and community members also called for a re-examination of the 20-Year Plan, the strategy for academic growth. The LRDP is the physical growth plan that will accommodate the 20-Year Plan's call for increased enrollment at UCSC.

Student David Wolf won over much of the audience of about 250 people when, in response to the LRDP consultants' official presentation of 29 maps illustrating different facets of the plan, he presented a single map he had drawn which included all facets of the planned development. He went over his map, pointing to different features of the existing campus that might be affected by the LRDP.

Pointing to the meadow behind Porter College, he said, "Kiss that goodbye." He also said that growth will not benefit the environment, students, or the community, but that it "will benefit administrators, who will get a bigger college and wage increases to match."

Bill Friedland, Community Studies professor and chair of the College Eight building committee, said the LRDP process is "fatally flawed because we're being given too much information in too short a period of time." He also called for the administration to establish a "proper communitarian process" to include adequate input from all segments of the campus and city community.

Student LRDP committee member David Behar said the LRDP's goal of housing 70 percent of undergraduate students on campus was unlikely to be realized in actuality. Student David Pilpel estimated the additional cost of $1500 per student per year" to students for increased on-campus housing called for by the plan. He said this would be an unrealistic burden for students to bear.

Controversy also revolved around the issue of parking and auto circulation on campus. The LRDP consultants presented plans for multi-level parking structures and several additional surface lots on campus. Friedland opposed new parking in the central campus, and called on the LRDP to "put the automobile in its place."

Wolf later pointed out that UCSC's current enrollment is already at the level the 20-Year Plan projected for 1992. People at the meeting who questioned the wisdom of rapid growth asked for a re-opening of public comment and debate on the 20-Year Plan, including public workshops. Student Union Assembly Representative Luke Adams pointed out that neither UC President David Gardner nor the UC Regents have officially accepted the plan, and that UCSC's Academic Senate had not approved it, but has rather "decided not to act" on the plan.

## Chancellor Calls CARD's Bet

On Monday, Chancellor Robert Sinsheimer issued a list of steps the administration will take to increase student and community input into the drafting of the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). As a result, two more public LRDP workshops will be held, a 60-day period for written comment will be opened after the LRDP draft is completed, and two women—Associate Professor of Biology Laurel Fox and a student to be named—will be added to the LRDP committee. The move was a limited acceptance of the demands made last week by the Campus Association for Responsible Development (CARD), a group which has opposed what they see as poor growth planning by the administration.

Sinsheimer agreed to hold two more public workshops on the LRDP—one focusing on housing issues, the other on transportation, circulation, and parking—though he did not offer to hold further meetings downtown, which CARD and community members have requested. He also refused to allow an independent committee to review the LRDP once the present committee finishes the draft, and turned down the demand for a campus-wide referendum on the LRDP by students, faculty, and staff.

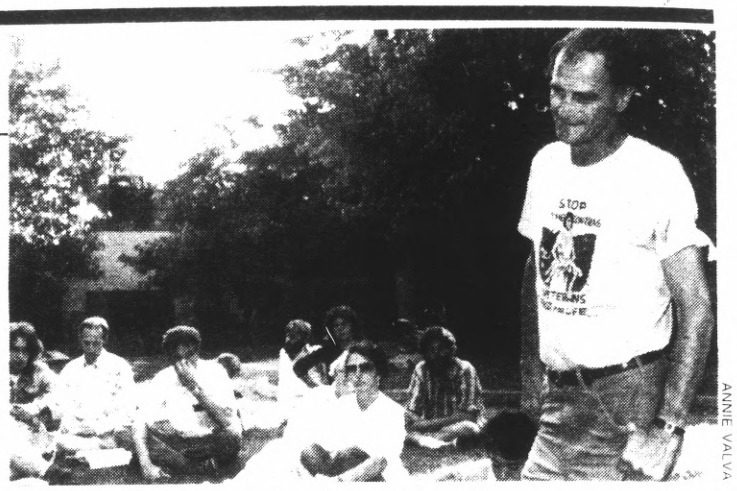
CARD members found the chancellor's response severely inadequate. "Basically, their reply is a token gesture," said CARD member Naomi Goodman. "Not only do we not have actual decision-making power, but the administration still is not required to change any of [its] policies." Another CARD member, Aaron Peskin, said the University is "continuing to act in bad faith" by not allowing an independent review committee, or a referendum. "Those are two things that would allow the campus community to have influence in the development of the campus," Peskin said. "We see these demands as essential."

## Veteran Wages Peace On Central America

Charles Liteky, one of the four US veterans who fasted for over a month to protest US military intervention in Nicaragua, spoke Monday afternoon at Merrill College. Liteky cited the 10,000 letters and several thousand phone calls received during the fast as the showing of support from the American people that convinced him and the veterans to call off their fast.

"God bless the goodness in the hearts of the American people. We knew it was there," he told the audience of about 40 people.

Liteky, a former Roman Catholic priest who served as a chaplain in Vietnam, began the fast September 1 with Vietnam veteran George Mizo. On September 15, Liteky and Mizo were joined by Brian Wilson, another Vietnam veteran, and Duncan Murphy, a veteran of World War II. The four also returned their decorations in protest, forsaking the accompanying pension. Their "Fast For Life" gained national support and attention, and they claim to have achieved their goal of "awakening the soul of the nation."



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**Fast-for-Life Veteran Charles Liteky at Merrill College.**

Liteky plans to continue his work for peace, saying that he "has decided to join people in another kind of fast: giving up some of our conveniences." Speaking of the need to do more than sign a petition, Liteky urged the audience to "put your body where your mouth is, to commit acts of civil disobedience, if necessary, for peace." He said that from now on, he will work to put people who support the Central American peace movement into political office.

He exhorted the audience to do the same, saying, "None of us are in power, but we can empower ourselves . . . Own your government."

## Rockefeller *Raza*

The Rockefeller Foundation awarded UCSC Assistant Professor of Psychology Aida Hurtado a $25,000 grant for her research on the use and retention of the Spanish language in the US. The award comes at a time when Proposition 63—a measure which has the potential to undermine bilingualism—is on California's ballot.

Chosen from a pool of approximately 125 applicants, Hurtado is one of 15 minority scholars awarded the fellowship.

Hurtado, a Chicana, hopes that her research, which will focus on people of Mexican descent in the US, will "clear up a lot of misconceptions" exemplified by Proposition 63. She stated that "with the current implications of Proposition 63, this is an important issue."

She said that she sees her fellowship as important, not only because it allows her to complete her research, but also because "it gives minority faculty visibility on campus, which is something that is very important to do."

## Legacy of Wisdom

UCSC's McHenry Library has become the recipient of the Gregory Bateson Archive, containing over 15,000 letters, transcripts, tapes, and films from the estate of the acclaimed social scientist.

Bateson, a former UC Regent and Kresge College Fellow, was a prominent scholar in many areas of study, including anthropology and literature. He died in 1980.

The collection, donated to the University by Lois Bateson, includes extensive correspondence with many world-renowned figures, including Anthropologist Margaret Mead, R.C. Laing, Claude Levi-Strauss, John Lilly, and Rollo May. In addition, McHenry Library purchased several hundred volumes from Bateson's personal library to complement the collection of his papers.

"We are delighted to have such an important collection," said head of Library Special Collections Rita Bottoms. "Not only because Bateson taught at UCSC, but also because scholars all over the country appreciate the special quality of [Bateson's] mind . . . the Library is particularly honored." Bottoms said she expects "a great deal of activity" to result from interest in the new acquisitions.

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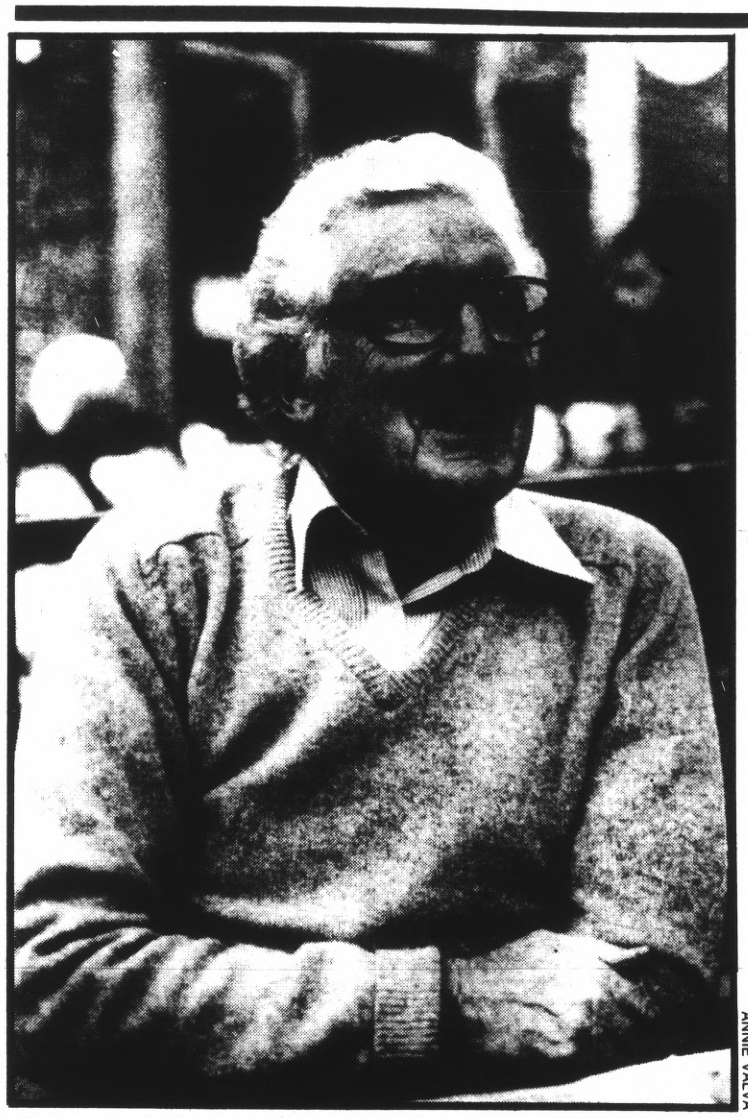

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**Whatever the ultimate outcome, Hillis is most concerned about the effects long term growth within the county and at the university will have on Santa Cruz's seniors population.**

## Jack Hillis on Growth

# Two Ways to Grow Old

by Joseph Clarke

JACK HILLIS IS ONE OF the most warmhearted people you could ever meet. He's a man eager to shake your hand, sit down, and have a good talk. He's also a man who is upset, concerned and fearful—about growth in Santa Cruz and about UCSC's Long Range Development Plan (LRDP).

Hillis spoke at a forum two weeks ago, where community members, local government officials, and University spokespeople discussed the LRDP, UCSC's growth proposal.

Hillis, an activist at age 73, is doing his best to see that Santa Cruz senior citizens are well represented in public forums on the campus growth issue. "I figure since I've been active in the past and am in good health, I sort of have an obligation," he said.

As a former president of the local chapter of the Gray Panthers, a national senior-citizens activist group, Hillis is aware of the problems seniors in Santa Cruz county face and of the concerns they have. For a man who looks content and enviable as he sits at an outdoor cafe with a newspaper, a blueberry muffin, and a hot cup of java, he doesn't seem like the type to get up in arms about growth. But he is.

> 'While the student population increases, housing costs go up and many seniors are left with no place to go.'

With the projected increase in UCSC enrollment estimated at 12,000 to15,000 students in the next 20 years, which in turn would cause population growth in the county, Hillis feels the cost of living in Santa Cruz will increase notably.

Senior citizens in the county are most worried about the price of housing, since approximately 6,000 of the 25,000 senior citizens in Santa Cruz County are renters, according to Hillis. Seniors are generally on a fixed income and are scarcely able to get by, he said. According to 1980 National Census Bureau figures, nearly four million senior citizens in the nation are living under the poverty level; in Santa Cruz, nearly 3,000 seniors over the age of 55 are living below the poverty level. "About half of all retired widows have no income except social security," Hillis said.

Hillis said that when he was working for "Meals On Wheels," a charity service for the elderly, he met an 89-year-old woman living in a downtown hotel. The woman was using half of her $400 social security check for a room with no kitchen. She wanted to move out, but couldn't afford anything else. "There's just no place for these people to go," he said.

"As I see it, it's not even debatable—rents will continue to escalate," said Hillis. In the past decade, he said, there has been a 250 percent increase in costs in Santa Cruz County. With such a large increase of students, not only would there be overwhelming inflation, but property taxes would increase, causing additional hardship to seniors who own their own homes, he added.

According to county Supervisor Gary Patton, the growth in town would cause still more problems. Traffic and water problems are two things the University would have to take into account. With more people in Santa Cruz, the county would have to provide an alternate water source, since the current supply is limited, said Hillis. Both he and Patton agree that the traffic problem would escalate to unbearable proportions. "If the University doesn't write a promise [to find solutions to traffic and other growth related problems in the city] then there's going to be a fight," said Patton.

If the University were to get bigger, Highway 17, which Hillis said is already operating at capacity, would have to be widened, because of increased traffic in and out of town. This would make Santa Cruz even more accessible to the South Bay Area. "They're going to have to start tearing apart Mission and Bay [Streets], Highway One," and other areas where traffic will increase, to make them bigger, Hillis said. Such a disruption, .both traffic-wise and aesthetically, would be disturbing to many of the senior citizens who came here to retire.

Hillis said he used to live in a "very nice" senior complex a couple of blocks off the Pacific Garden Mall, and not far from the beach. "People park in the emergency lanes," near senior housing complexes, he said.

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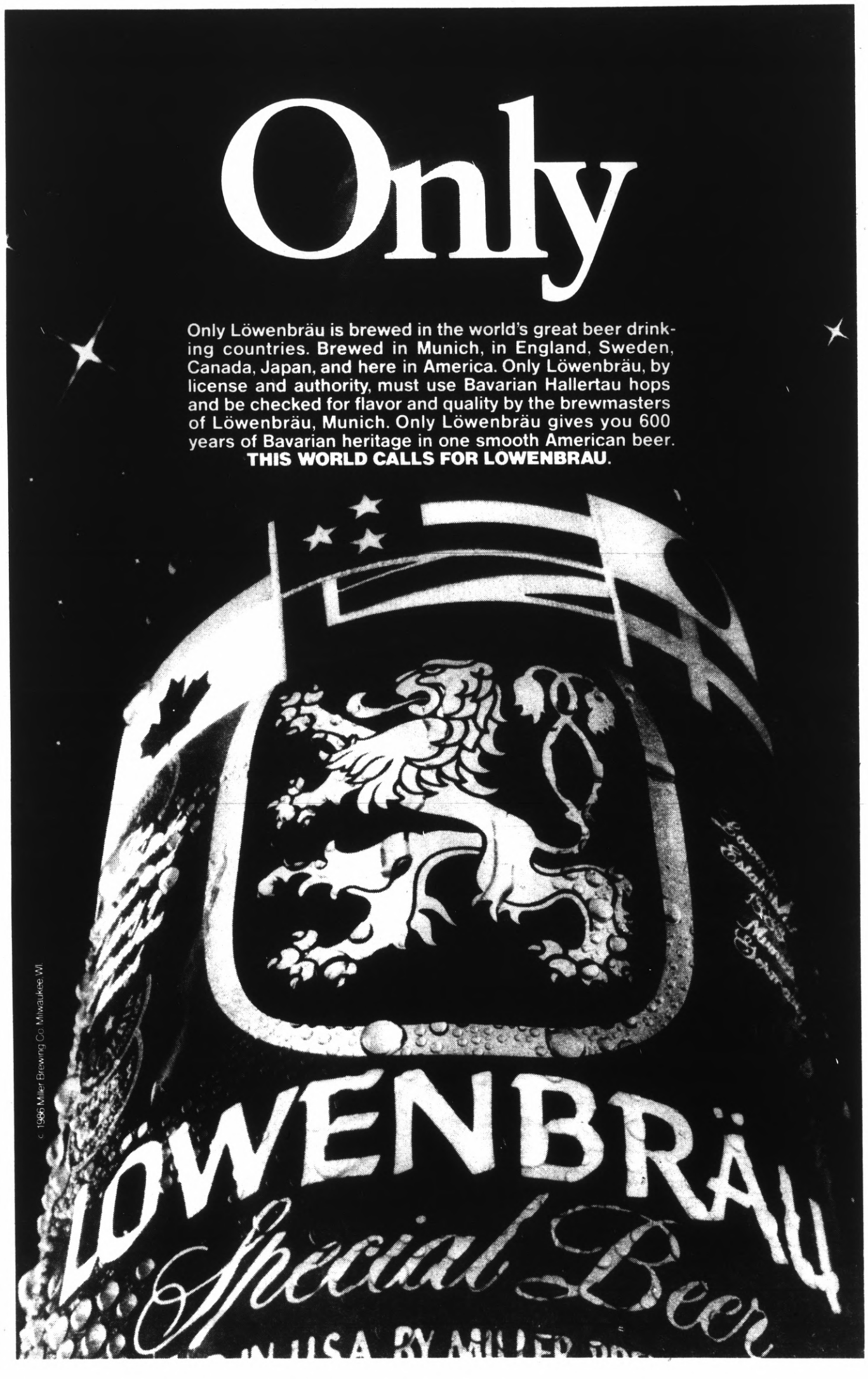
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"This makes the people in the buildings gridlocked. If there were some kind of emergency there," as there often is, "it would take rescue teams a long time to get in." Hillis said he knows of "terrified little old ladies," who live in fear of having medical problems and not being able to receive medical attention.

THE ADMINISTRATION IS afraid of people like Hillis, whose only political clout is his charismatic, honest presence. According to Hillis, a prominent member of UCSC's administration contacted him after the LRDP forum and explained that the University, "simply had to grow" in order to improve the quality of education. "What I want to know," Hillis asked, "is what do those people say about Amherst, Reed, Swarthmore, or Oberlin?" These are all schools that chose to remain small, and are considered among the best universities in the nation, he said.

On one point Hillis agrees with the administration: The University of California *does* need to grow. Where the views go asunder is the location of that growth. In the second century of its existence, Hillis said, the UC has only one major school in the Bay Area; statistics show the need for another UC in the Bay Area, he said. Leaning forward for emphasis, and with a puzzled look on his face, he asked, "So why in the name of God does it make sense to put more stuff here when there are ten times as many people on the peninsula?"

"They could start a university in some of the beautiful buildings of Silicon Valley," he said, adding "let's face it, they overbuilt in the valley." Hillis even suggested jokingly that the university could build on the site of the old Marine World/Africa USA in Redwood City, since it just moved to Vallejo. He joked that the site already even had a large swimming pool.

Many senior citizens, like Hillis and Gray Panthers Santa Cruz chapter president Jacob Litsky, take advantage of many of UCSC's programs. "I go to events, concerts, lectures, whatever, all the time," Litsky told *City on a Hill*. Hillis said UCSC adds to the community spirit of Santa Cruz, and that to tear it apart and put a lot of buildings on it would ruin a part of the community dear to many seniors.

Whatever the ultimate decision, Hillis is most concerned about the effects it will have on the senior citizens community. Maybe the people who are seniors now won't be affected, he said, but what about those down the line a bit? Hillis is also concerned that the University is making a mistake it will never be able to reverse. "To desecrate that beautiful campus seems to be a sad, sad way for a university to go." Hillis shook his head in disappointment, adding, "Very sad."

## *Peace and Freedom Party*

# Another Green World

by Aikos Barton

TWENTY YEARS AGO, John Haag, proprietor of a beatnik cafe in Venice, California, led a petition drive to get the Peace and Freedom Party listed on the California ballot . He and other peace activists wanted to offer voters an alternative to the then-bipartisan support for the Vietnam War.

Next week, Haag, who now has a greying ponytail, will be on the ballot as a Peace and Freedom candidate for the state controller. He sees himself as an alternative to the bipartisan indifference to apartheid and environmental degradation. On the ballot with him are candidates for every state office, including two candidates from Santa Cruz County.

Haag is inspired by the West German Green Party, an ecology-minded, pacifist party which gained entrance to the West German Parliament in 1983. He calls himself "green", yet he considers "green" policies to be more than environmentalism—for him, they encompass feminism, nonviolence, and decentralization of large institutions. Yet his point of contention in the race for state controller is what he calls human destruction of the biosphere. Referring to the state government's activities to exploit mineral resources, cut timber, develop open space, and make money from oil drilling, he said, "The 'conquest of nature' is a fallacious concept that will bring about our own destruction if we do not find a way to start living harmoniously with each other and the rest of life."

Haag's Democratic opponent is Gray Davis, who told the League of Woman Voters (LWV) that one of his most important accomplishments was spearheading a campaign to picture missing children on grocery bags. While Haag is emphasizing divestment from South Africa and activities that destroy rainforests, Davis favors "highest return" on state investments, a codeword usually associated with ignoring ethical criteria when investing.

The Republican candidate, Bill Campbell, told the LWV that he wants to "depoliticize" investment decisions. Haag is opposed to all offshore drilling; Davis told the LWV that he wants "adequate compensation" for oil taken.

Two locals will be on the Peace and Freedom ticket with John Haag next week: Maureen Smith, an Aptos resident who is running for State Treasurer; and Ron Wright of Scotts Valley, who is running for Congress against Leon Panetta.

Like Haag, Smith sees divestment as a key campaign issue, and is using it in her campaign against Democratic incumbent Jesse Unruh. Smith is committed to full divestment and, rather than have the state's money invested abroad, she wants to form a California State Bank, a sort of statewide credit union which would receive consumer deposits and loan money to cooperative businesses.

Ron Wright, a member of the controversial, peace-oriented Bill Motto Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, is challenging Leon Panetta—who is expected to receive more than 80 percent of the vote. Wright does not expect to win, but rather is running to prod Panetta, who faces only token Republican opposition. Wright claims that Panetta enjoys the support of agribusiness, citing Panetta's sponsorship of the new Simpson-Rodino immigration bill. He further said that Panetta does not oppose US intervention in Nicaragua strongly enough, "He takes the right position for the wrong reasons." Wright claims that Panetta opposes US aid to the contras because it is impractical, not because it is wrong, adding that Panetta called the US bombing of Libya "justified." Panetta, who won the last two Congressional elections with 85 percent and 71 percent of the votes, should not take the progressive vote for granted, said Wright. Although Panetta has never faced a Peace and Freedom challenger, in 1978 a Peace and Freedom challenger to local State Senator Henry Mello got 10 percent of the vote.

HAAG'S PARTY, THE Statewide Peace and Freedom Pary, has existed for 19 years and has represented only a mild political threat to the Democratic and Republican Parties. While its politicians address issues other candidates ignore, party members and candidates alike agree that the Peace and Freedom party exists to create a symbolic alternative to the country's moderate, two party electoral system.

The party presently has 41,000 registered voters statewide. "We used to have more," explained local party member Nicholas Whitehead, "but a number of people switched over to the Democratic Party to vote for Jesse Jackson in the primaries." With 0.8 percent of Santa Cruz county's voters registered as Peace and Freedom Party members—that's 930 people—the county has the highest proportion of Peace and Freedom registrants in the state—the state average is .3 percent.

The party has leaned in a number of political directions over the years. In the late '60s it was allied with the Black Panther Party. It had a sizeable libertarian contingent until 1974, when the libertarians split off to form the Libertarian Party. (Today, the Libertarian Party has almost as many registered voters in Santa Cruz County as the Peace and Freedom Party.) Since then, a number of Marxist-Leninist groups, including the American Communist Party, have tried unsuccessfully to take over the Peace and Freedom Party.

Now Haag, along with Ron Wright and about 30 percent of the delegates who attended the state party convention last spring, have formed a "green caucus" to bring the party in a "green" direction.

The various Peace and Freedom Party campaigns seem to be run somewhat haphazardly and independent of one another, with candidates left to activate their own networks and raise their own funds. Smith wishes there was enough money for even one paid staff person in Northern California, and admits that there are not many volunteers. "A statewide race is not something people want to put energy into, because the chance of winning it is so remote," she said. On the other hand, Smith thinks the idea of voter apathy is a myth, "I don't think non-voters are complacent, but disillusioned."

Glen Schaller, coordinator of Santa Cruz Action Network, a local progressive organization which is not backing any Peace and Freedom candidates, noted, "It's difficult to run for statewide office in a state this large because you need the media, and the media ignores third parties." Smith agrees, "If we could get equal access to enough people, we could get 20-30 percent of the vote."

In spite, or because, of their small numbers, hundreds of Santa Cruz County residents vote Peace and Freedom. Quipped Dennis Davey, a local Earth First! activist, "I've been registered Peace and Freedom for 10 years. I just wish we'd win some elections."


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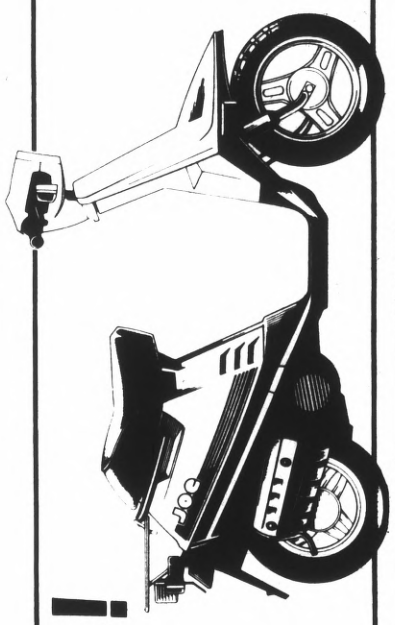

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## *Prop. 65—The Toxics Initiative*

# Political Aquabatics

JANET FINE

by Rachel Goldberg

JUST HOW MUCH ARE CALifornians willing to pay to keep their drinking water safe? This is the real issue behind Proposition 65—the so-called safe drinking water initiative. Now, less than a week before the November 4 election, Proposition 65 has become a highly contested issue and a key campaign point for gubernatorial candidates Tom Bradley and incumbent George Deukmejian, who both shake fingers at each other's toxic cleanup record.

Essentially, proponents say the initiative will keep drinking water from being contaminated with carcinogens and "reproductively toxic" chemicals—those causing sterility or birth defects. Opponents say it will jam the courts with litigation, hurt farmers, damage industry, and do nothing to keep drinking water free of contaminants.

Amid such widely differing opinions, Proposition 65 has often been misrepresented and misunderstood. The basic provisions of the act are:

- Proposition 65 would make it illegal for a business to knowingly discharge carcinogenic and reproductively toxic chemicals into the state's drinking water supply and would prohibit businesses from exposing workers and consumers to these chemicals without "clear and reasonable" warning.
- State agencies responsible for toxic cleanup would have to develop more stringent standards for discharges and the Governor would designate one state agency to enforce the standards.
- Each year the Governor would publish an updated list of known carcinogens and reproductive toxins. The first list would be drawn from two Centers for Disease Control and from United Nations reports.
- The act would apply to all industries with the exception of those having less than 10 employees, and to all government agencies.

PROPOSITION 65 SPONsors call the initiative the "Get Tough on Toxics" bill. Indeed, a large part of the bill deals with enforcement. If passed it would punish serious toxics violators with jail sentences and fines of up to twice the amount of present fines. In cases of injury, fines would go up to $250,000 per day of violation. And the bill would get tough on complicity by requiring public officials to disclose information on illegal discharges; officials withholding such information would face heavy fines.

Statistics on the current state of toxic cleanup are sobering. According to a recent State Department of Health Services water survey, 18 percent of California wells are contaminated with toxic substances, and half of the wells were contaminated above legal levels.

Ted Smith, director of the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition and a supporter of the initiative, told *City on a Hill* that the present laws dealing with toxics were "in a complete state of chaos and stasis." They are "not even beginning to cope with the [toxics] problem," he said.

Although most Californians agree that toxics cleanup is one of the state's greatest problems, opponents consistently claim that the initiative is unnecessary, saying that the proposition is poorly written, anti-business, scientifically irrational, full of unfounded exemptions, and unfair to farmers. The most widely heard criticism is that it is nothing but a transparent political ploy on the part of its Democratic and environmentalist sponsors.

> 'We choose—if we err—to err on the side of public health.'
>
> —Proposition 65 proponent Coury Brown

Political endorsers include Los Angeles mayor and gubernatorial candidate Tom Bradley. This fact alone has led opponents to attack the proposition on political rather than environmental grounds. Californians Against the Toxics Initiative campaign manager Michael Gagan told *City on a Hill* that Proposition 65 was written "so that Bradley would have something to run his campaign on."

Sierra Club political director Carl Pope, who co-authored the bill with Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) lawyer David Roe, disputed Gagan's claim. "We began work on the initiative long before it was even clear who the 1986 candidates were going to be," he said.

Governor Deukmejian, who opposes Proposition 65, said in a statement released two weeks ago that the bill could impact negatively on industry and hurt farmers, and called on Californians to oppose it. "It will cause general disarray in the agricultural community, in aerospace, chemical, oil, electronics and utilities industries," said Gagan, adding that the required changes would be both costly and difficult.

Should the initiative pass, companies would be required to replace chemicals or change processing procedures to limit discharges if they were found to be violating the new standards. The most expensive change, however, would likely be compliance with the warning provision: companies would have to publicize harmful chemicals in their products.

"There will certainly be impacts in business," said Coury Brown of the General Consul of the Sacramento based Planning and Conservation League in a recent interview. "But they will only occur where you have a chemical that is carcinogenic or reproductively toxic that gets into the drinking water."

Anti-65 literature states that Proposition 65 is "unfair and devastating" to farmers. Mariko Takayasu, press deputy for Yes on 65, said that this was a misrepresentation of the facts. "Of the 160 chemicals on the lists," she said, "only 13 are pesticides, and eight of the 13 have already been banned. Of the remaining five only two are used extensively. Both of these pesticides are considered dangerous by the EPA, and one of these two is banned except for use in emergency situations and on livestock.

Despite these facts, farmers are still worried. According to Proposition 65 opponents, fertilizer use and irrigation practices might have to change. Gagan said that "It would put all the dairy farmers out of business," by stopping their use of chlorine for sterilizing milking equipment. Gagan said there is no chemical that can be substituted for chlorine and that in fact dairy farmers are legally required to use it.

The Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau members are concerned enough about Proposition 65 that they voted to oppose it.

Tom Houston, deputy mayor chief of staff for Tom Bradley, who helped draft Proposition 65, said the bill was designed to target the most serious offenders. According to Houston, 89 percent of toxic waste comes from California's 200 largest businesses, nine percent from homeowners and the remaining two percent from the government. "We exempted government because it's not a major polluter and that's why we exempted small businesses," he said.

The bill has been heavily criticized by opponents for its so-called "vigilante and bounty hunter," enforcement measures. According to those measures, *any citizen* could bring suit against a company "violating or threatening to violate" the law.

If after 60 days no official action is taken, the citizen or private lawyer would be entitled to 25 percent of the fines taken—a completely unprecedented measure. Deukmejian said in a recent official release that he expected these "bounty" measures to lead to "an explosion of lawsuits clogging the

courts."

Yes on 65's Takayasu disputed these charges. "The Clean Water Act has the same citizen suit provision in it," she said, "and in the six years since it became law, there have been only 12 of these lawsuits coming out of California." The cost of engaging in litigation, she added, is prohibitively high.

So why the special clauses? "The basic problem," Planning and Conservation League Consul Brown explained, "is that Deukmejian is not enforcing toxics laws. We need the threat of citizen action to deter violations." "As for frivolous lawsuits," he added, "the legal system has provisions for dismissing frivolous lawsuits and seeing that they do not get very far."

The final charge against Proposition 65 is that its definition of a "safe" level of discharge is too stringent. A safe level, it states, is a level 1000 times lower than the level proven to be harmful.

Brown explained the need for such extreme standards: "They (the writers of the proposition) tried to take into account that people are being exposed to more than one kind of chemical. Some combinations of chemicals are many more times as dangerous together than either one ever is by itself." Brown added writers of the Proposition also took into account that these "safe-levels" apply to normal adults, but that there are populations which are especially sensitive, such as children and the elderly. Fetuses are also particularly at risk.

Opponents feel the standard is unrealistic and irresponsible. Gagan commented that the standard fails to distinguish between carcinogenic and non-carcinogenic levels—"between the effect of one aspirin and one thousand aspirins."

Furthermore, opponents of the bill told the San Francisco *Examiner* that carcinogenity tests were unreliable; that many things could cause cancer in lab animals if given high enough doses. Yes on 65's Takayasu expressed familiarity with the "anything-could-cause-cancer" argument, adding that she had been told that milk and aspirin could cause cancer if given in high enough levels. "We say they can drink a DDT/Benzine milkshake and we will be happy to drink a glass of milk and an aspirin. And they haven't taken us up on our offer yet," she jibed.

Despite flippancy and extremism, the heart of the matter is clear: are these new standards the only way to safeguard our health adequately, or are they ridiculously excessive? Said Coury Brown, "There is so much uncertainty in these things that we choose—if we err—to err on the side of public health. These are serious poisonous chemicals. They have the potential to poison communities. In some cases, the effects will not be seen for 15-20 years, but we are saying, 'Look. Until you can show us these things are safe, I don't want to die of it'."

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# The Trials of Rose Bird

**"It's no coincidence that the symbol of justice is blindfolded so that the poor and the powerful can receive equal treatment by the law," Rose Bird told churchgoers in Oakland last weekend.**

ANNIE VALVA

by Eric Nelson

VOTERS NEXT WEEK MAY DECIDE the future of a small green room in San Quentin Prison. But the other momentous issues at stake in the reconfirmation of six California Supreme Court justices are every bit as sobering as the use of California's gas chamber. While voters on November 4 might determine the prospect of a death penalty in California by the appointment of new Supreme Court justices, they will certainly decide whether the state's judicial process is to become a political issue.

## ANALYSIS

For the last two years, political action committees and conservative organizations have waged a well-financed and highly organized attack on the California Supreme Court. Chief Justice Rose Bird has taken the brunt of the attack, but court opponents are also seeking to oust Associate Justices Joseph Grodin and Cruz Reynoso. The focus of the $6 million campaign against the justices is capital punishment. Bird has consistently decided against the death penalty in capital cases appearing before the court, as, for the most part, have Grodin and Reynoso, with ten exceptions between them.

The primary organization calling for the removal of Bird, Grodin and Reynoso is the California Coalition For Court Reform which consolidates two groups: Californians to Defeat Rose Bird and Crime Victims For Court Reform. Based in Los Angeles, the coalition has raised some $4 million to defeat the justices. About $2.5 million has been spent on a direct mail campaign, which many critics say contains misleading information about the court's record. Another $1 million is being spent on television and radio advertising. The coalition is specifically targeting the court's decisions to uphold only three of 61 capital cases brought before the court.

Many of the state's lawyers and district attorneys say the death penalty initiative, pushed through the legislature in 1978 by arch-conservative state senator John Briggs, is too broad and inconsistent. However, Janet Byers, spokesperson for the Coalition For Court Reform, calls the courts' decisions, "based on rulings that the court has made itself. The court has gone beyond interpreting the Briggs initiative," said Byers. "They have written their own laws." While the court did uphold the 1978 initiative, Byers argues, "it is the intent of the initiative that should be observed."

But supporters of the court, including many in California's legal establishment, believe capital punishment is just a smokescreen to facilitate a hidden agenda. "The death penalty accounts for only five percent of the cases before the court," said Nancy Destefanis, executive director of California Women Lawyers. "I wish the people of California could get to the real issues."

Destefanis believes the tremendous grief of crime victims is being used by political organizations with ulterior motives. "Those who want to control the court—those who are unhappy about the courts' decisions—decided the time was ripe to capitalize on the public's fear of crime. I don't think the people of California want anyone executed without a fair review," Destefanis told *City on a Hill*. Referring to the formidable array of lobbyists and special interests trying to remove Bird, Destefanis said, "They are trying to accomplish a real agenda of packing the court with judges disposed to their point of view."

In 1977 Governor Jerry Brown appointed Bird to the Supreme Court and she was confirmed by voters in 1978. Since her appointment, the court has been protective of the consumer and has defended middle-class access to the courts by securing state funding for trial courts. It has ruled that apartment house owners cannot bar families with children, and refused to suspend the right to abortions for women on welfare. The court has protected the right of farm workers to meet with union organizers and last year ruled that government employees may legally engage in work stoppages. Said Nancy Destefanis of these decisions, "People forget this is a humanitarian and compassionate court."

And it is not coincidental that major contributors to the anti-Bird organizations include car dealers, banks, and the California Apartment Association, as well as agribusiness concerns. Before Justice Bird was appointed to the Supreme Court, she was head of the state's 16,000-person Agriculture and Services Agency. There she made many powerful enemies who have come back to haunt her. According to Bird's campaign spokesperson, Steven Glazer, 65 percent of the money donated to the anti-Bird California Coalition For Court Reform is provided by corporate interests, including agriculture.

DESPITE THE VARIETY OF ISSUES the court rules on, court critics persist in focusing on the death penalty. Last week was no exception as the court voted to overturn two more death sentences. In one case, all seven justices voted to over turn the death sentence of convicted murderer Luis Rodriguez, but since the grounds for doing so were very narrow, prosecutors see this as a victory for the death penalty. In the complex realm of legal procedures, this means that Rodriguez is in effect sentenced to death. In the majority, Justices Grodin and Reynoso upheld the murder conviction of Rodriguez, and thus, as a practical matter, sentenced him to death.

However, Janet Byers call Grodin's and Reynoso's decisions "convenient." She told *City on a Hill* that until this vote, "Reynoso voted only once to uphold the death penalty, four years ago to this month." She also attacked Grodin's record, commenting, "Since December, he's suddenly affirmed three cases."

But many lawyers resent the fact that court opponents are keeping scorecards. "The vital factor is having justices who are not afraid to make decisions based on the Constitution," asserted Nancy Destefanis of California Women Lawyers. "The people must be prepared to defend the right of justices to call the shots as they see them."

Of the seven justices, only the chief justice has voted to overturn every death penalty case brought before the court. While the practice may seem unusual, the effect is nearly the same for most states in the country. Since the US Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment 10 years ago, executions have occurred mostly in southern states, where death penalty statutes are the oldest. Among northern states, only Indiana, Nevada and Utah have enacted the death penalty. The Massachusetts Supreme Court, for instance, recently overturned that state's entire death penalty statute.

While court opponents criticize their decisions, no breaches of ethics or integrity have been found in the records of Bird, Grodin or Reynoso. Bird, in particular, has an impeccable legal career. The daughter of a single mother, Bird, 49, grew up in Arizona and on the East Coast where she studied English at Long Island University. After a year's Ford Foundation fellowship in the California state legislature, she entered UC Berkeley's Boalt Law School. Upon graduation, she became the first woman public defender in Santa Clara County, as well as the first woman to teach at Stanford Law School.

As a public defender in Santa Clara County, she trained many law students in court procedures. In 1970, Bird hired Phil Pennypacker, then a law student, to the public defender's office. Now head of Santa Clara County's Conflicts Administration Program, Pennypacker calls Bird "probably one of the best writers and thinkers I've ever met." He told *City on a Hill* that Bird's analytic skills as a "tireless" researcher are "superior." Ron Norman, a lawyer in Santa Clara County's public defender's office, also worked with Bird. Norman calls her, "an outstanding lawyer and one of the finest persons I've ever met."

Pennypacker recalls a 1973 Stanford law seminar taught by Bird in which she pioneered the use of video to demonstrate courtroom procedure. It is no small wonder that Bird is credited with bringing the California Supreme

Court out of the Dark Ages. When she arrived, the court did not even have electric typewriters, but today the court boasts word processors and software in the offices of each justice.

Justice Cruz Reynoso also has a similarly impressive background. The son of Orange County farm workers, English is his second language. During the Korean War, he was a member of the Army Counter Intelligence Corps in Washington, DC, and worked with the FBI. In 1958, Reynoso graduated from UC Berkeley's Boalt Law School, in the same class as US Attorney General Edwin Meese. After graduation, he taught law and worked his way up the ranks of district courts and appellate courts. In 1982, he was appointed to the Supreme Court.

It is ironic that Reynoso and Meese were classmates, considering Meese's recent statement in which he asserted that the US Supreme Court does not necessarily mandate law. Meese said in a speech last week that Supreme Court interpretations of the Constitution were not the "supreme law of the land," adding that officials in the executive and legislative branches of government should be guided by their own views of the Constitution, rather than the courts' views.

Most legal observers believe Meese's statement is consistent with the Reagan administration's attempt to wrest power from the judiciary. Destefanis called Meese's statement an "attack on the foundation of our democracy," and drew a correlation to the attempt to oust three of California's Supreme Court justices. "What happens in California will be a precedent for the nation," she said. "The paramount issue is whether a democracy will prevail in the US, or a trend towards fascism."

Commenting on Meese's statement and the campaign to unseat the California judges, Phil Pennypacker said, "This year there is a political element that is being injected into the judicial process, and it's a real frightening thing." He also found it ironic that Meese, "who is supposed to head the country's court system is threatening the rule of the highest court in the land."

The division between politics and the judiciary has been an issue of great debate since the early 1800s, when US Supreme Court Justice John Marshall was attacked by President Thomas Jefferson for interfering in what Jefferson considered his political mandate. Wrote Governor William Plumer of New Hampshire, one of Jefferson's allies: "The judges of the Supreme Court must fall; they are denounced by the executive as well as the House, and why should they remain to awe and embarass the adminstration? Men of more flexible nerves can be found to succeed them." But Chief Justice Marshall stood his ground, and in the textbook case of *Marbury vs. Madison*, established the duty of the US Supreme Court to strike down executive and legislative actions that were deemed inconsistent with the Constitution.

On the subject of an independent judiciary, Bird herself has said, "We don't owe allegiance to anyone other than the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and ultimately, the people."

Public opinion polls show that Rose Bird is losing her bid for reconfirmation by a margin of two to one, and the margin for Grodin and Reynoso is fairly evenly split. Regardless of whether she wins or loses, Nancy Destefanis believes, "Rose Bird will be remembered as courageous and unafraid of political threats. She has been dauntless in upholding the Constitution, even though it may cost her the highest position a lawyer can aspire to."

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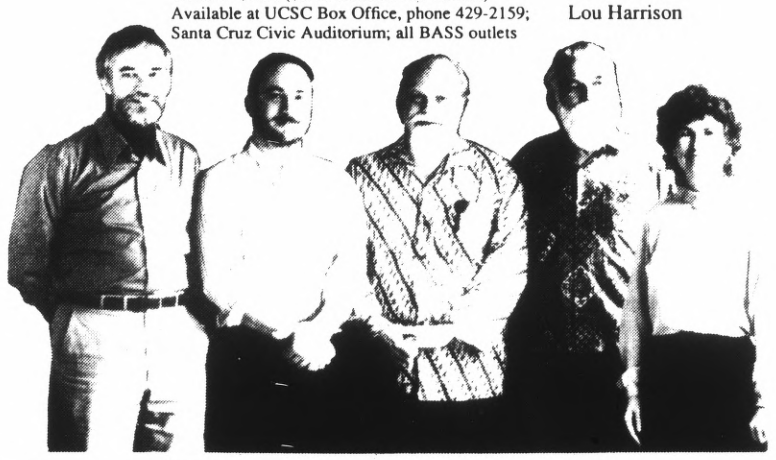

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HOLGER LEUE

**Young entrepreneurs Lila Hollmann and Maiah Jeskoski.**

## A Proposition that Bites

Responding to a request by the Santa Cruz County Coalition to Oppose Proposition 63, the Santa Cruz City Council passed a resolution this Tuesday opposing Proposition 63—the English Only Initiative. According to the resolution, the City Council finds the initiative "unnecessary, divisive, unfair, and dangerous," and encourages all citizens to oppose it at the polls.

Cities and counties throughout the state, including the cities of Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, and Los Angeles, have already passed similar resolutions. Last week the Watsonville City Council voted against opposing the initiative.

Proposition 63, if passed on Tuesday, will amend the California constitution to declare English the state's official language. Proponents claim it will symbolically "strengthen and enhance" the English language, but according to Coalition member David Werlin, who presented the petition to the council, "[Proposition 63] is symbolic only of that which is most racist and xenophobic within us."

Initiative lays the groundwork for what opponents see as the eventual eradication of government-funded programs such as bilingual education and bilingual legal services—actions opponents say will lead to the isolation and alienation of immigrant communities. "The real target of the proposition," said Coalition member Jim Brough, "is a growing Latino community which is only now begnining to assert its political presence."

Councilmember Mardi Wormhoudt spoke in favor of the resolution, stating that the city council is responsible for promoting the political participation of all community members. "Proposition 63 discourages this participation," she said. Arnie Levine who has, in the past, voiced a policy of opposition to symbolic proclamations, followed Wormhoudt's endorsement with a vote in favor of the resolution.

Dissenting were Katy Sears-Williams and Joe Ghio, who described Proposition 63 as a "symbolic" affirmation of the English language. "I don't consider this symbolic," countered councilmember John Laird, "[Proposition 63] is a proposition with teeth [that has the capacity to] threaten health, legal, and emergency services."

## Home on the Lagoon

Neary Lagoon, the marshland and wildlife park on Bay and California Streets may soon by the site of a new affordable housing development. According to an item prepared for this Tuesday's City Council meeting, this 15-acre parcel of city-owned land is "very valuable for housing because few vacant parcels of this size remain in the city."

The item is a request for local developers to submit proposals for an affordable housing development. Building approximately 180 to 210 new housing units on the six developable acres, the project would provide housing for low-income and moderate-income families.

Because the site is a federally-designated flood plain, there will be unknown additional costs before it is ready for development. For example, the marsh has to be drained and then filled to a level higher than flood elevation.

Carl Foytik, an advocate of low-income housing and a candidate for city council last November is disappointed with the proposal. "[City council] concerns about housing are political concerns," he told *City on a Hill*. He said a lot more units could be built at the site, thereby providing more housing for low-income families. The problem, he said, is that many special interest groups are trying to keep development down. One group, the Downtown Neighborhood Association, believes the additional housing will cause more traffic at the nearby Chestnut and Laurel Streets intersection, and is trying to keep the city council from building a lot of units on the site. According to Foytik, the city council has also kept low the number of units to be built at the site because of "environmental concerns that aren't real." Neary Lagoon is a wildlife park that the city council wants to preserve.

## Key for Two

In the wake of the 47-day Veterans' Fast for Life and last weekend's two-day Monterey Bay Walk for Peace, the city of Santa Cruz greeted the area's recent turn of spiritual activism with a "gesture of support" for the peoples of Central America. Outside City Hall this Monday, vice-Mayor Jane Weed issued a mayor's proclamation welcoming US veteran Charlie Liteky—who ended his Fast for Life in Washington DC two weeks ago—and Sister Darlene Nicgorski—who, along with 10 Arizona defendants, was recently indicted for her involvement in the movement to provide sanctuary for Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees.

Both Liteky and Nicgorski came to Santa Cruz to speak at last weekend's Peace Walk and, at a press conference Monday following Weed's proclamation, both expressed their spiritual commitments to put an end to US militarism in Central America and around the world.

"We of moral and religious convictions need to make our voices heard," said Nicgorski. "We will not tolerate a government that supplies money and weapons for the continual killing of people." Nicgorski, who works with refugees who fear they will be killed if they return to their homelands, said that the sanctuary trials and the subsequent publicity will lead people to question US connections to the policies of El Salvador and Guatemala.

Liteky quoted from the Bible to express the need for continued opposition to the US's role in the training and funding of Nicaraguan contras. US citizens should face through nonviolence, the "fear, oppression, and hostility" perpetrated by our government, he said. "The [Veterans'] fast isn't over; it goes on and it takes many different forms. It is everything from the feeding of hungry people to the individual fasts going on right now all over the country."

Jane Weed presented the activists with a symbolic "key" to the city of Satna Cruz and reiterated the City Council's opposition to US foreign policy in Central America. "Federal funds being diverted to the war efforts in Central America hampers our ability to conduct local government here," she said. ✓

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## LOCAL MEASURES

A *Presiding Officer-Mayor*—**YES:** This measure clarifies the dates on which the City Council selects the mayor and vice-mayor, and represents little more than an administrative change in the council decision-making process. Because it would clear up some confusing and inner-council election procedures, we endorse the measure.

B *Municipal Elections*—**YES:** The most controversial of the local measures, B would move the municipal elections from November of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years to coincide with state and national elections. California cities that have effected similar measures in the past have experienced a marked increase in voter turnout, as well as cheaper elections.

A League of California Cities survey showed that this kind of measure does not bury local issues under the hoopla of state and national issues. And almost all cities surveyed reported that the partisan politics of general elections did not taint the cities' non-partisan elections. Fears of conservative opponents to the measure are in part based on statistics that show higher voter turnout usually resulting in a greater percentage of Democratic votes.

Students need an extra push to get out and vote—especially during November midterms. A more comprehensive election will spur students to the polls. For this reason especially, *City on a Hill* endorses Measure B.

C *Salary*—**YES:** Mesure C would raise the salaries of all city councilmembers to a maximum set by the State Government Code—a salary equivalent to that paid to a majority of California city councilmembers. Effectively, it would raise salaries from $50 a month for councilmembers and $100 a month for the mayor to $400 and $800 respectively.

The current City Council salary is prohibitively low. It serves as little more than a pittance for the long hours councilmembers contribute to the city, and, because it's so low, it effectively keeps lower-income people from running for local office. Because we believe a democracy should grant every individual the right to hold office, and because the councilmembers should be rewarded with a salary that reflects their time and commitment, we wholeheartedly endorse Measure C.

D *Appointive Boards and Commissions*—**YES:** By endowing the City Council with the power to establish or abolish any board or commission, Measure D would result in the erradication of a number of archaic and unused city bodies. Among these is the Airport Commission, which now serves an airport that no longer exists. The measure could result in minor costs savings for the city and is supported by the entire City Council.

E *Appointment and Removal*—**YES:** The current city charter requires that five, rather than four, our of seven city councilmembers approve appointments or removals of the city manager, city clerk, and city attorney. These three positions represent considerable power within the city, and their appointments should rest on the same majority vote that is required of equally important city council decisions. Measure E would bring the passing vote down to a four-person majority, and Santa Cruz citizens should welcome it with a "Yes."

F *Appointment and Removal*—**YES:** A minor administrative measure, Measure F would increase the autonomy of the heads of various city departments, and make them more accountable to the City Manager and less accountable to the City Council. Because it reflects no cost to the city, and because it could lead to greater flexibility within local departments and the structure of the local government, we endorse the measure.

G *Contracts for Public Works*—**YES:** Another administrative measure, Measure G would raise the maximum allowable cost of public works projects *not* requiring formal bidding. The measure would cut down on the bureaucratic red tape and administrative costs generated by unnecessary bidding. *City on a Hill* endorses this administrative cleanup.

H *Penalties for Ordinance Violations*—**YES:** *City on a Hill* endorses Measure H with some reservations. The measure is meant to target what supporters see as "revolving door justice"—slapping law violators on the wrists and setting them on the street with little disencentive to commit crimes. The measure would allow the council to change local crime punishment guidelines—guidelines set in the 1948 city charter—so as to implement more stringent fines and penalties. Although we feel that current forms of criminal punishment, stringent or lax, do not address the base problems in a society that breeds crime, we feel the measure could help to curtail some crimes. ✓

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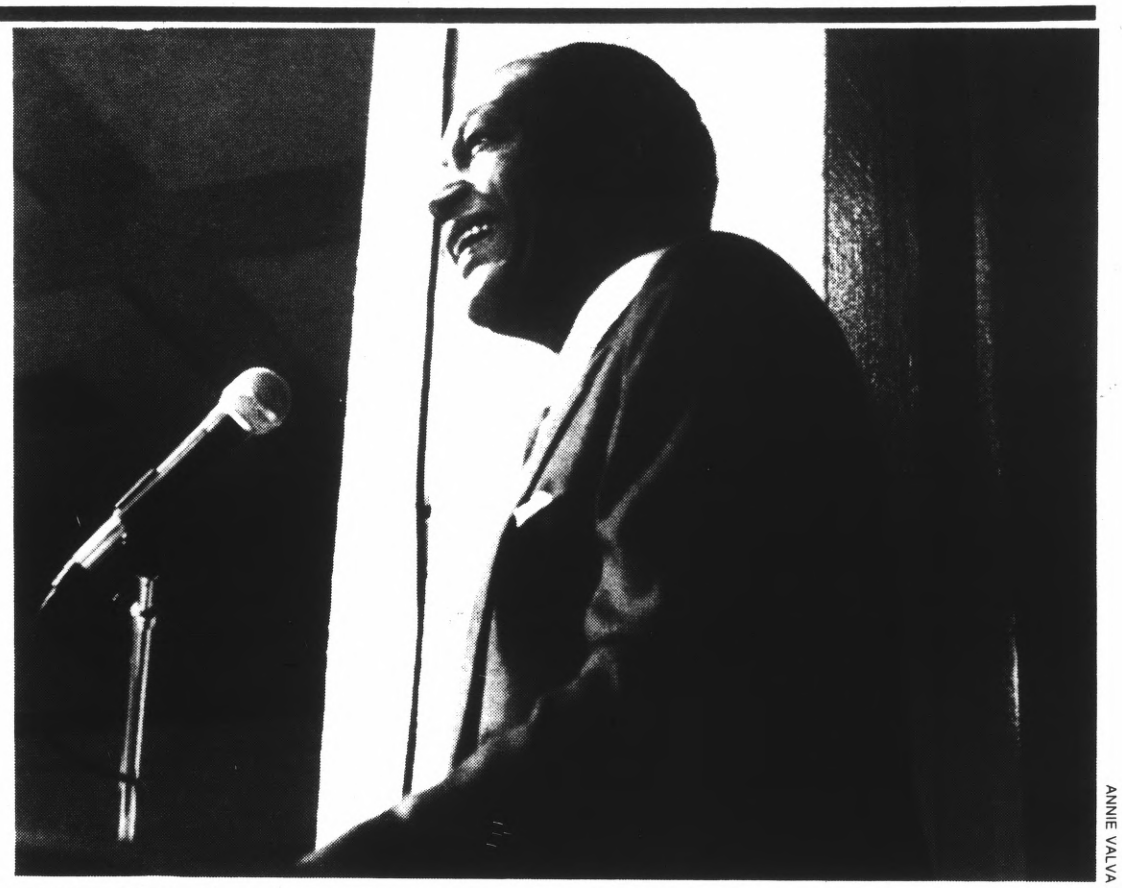

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**Elect Tom Bradley for governor and return humane policies to California.**

## GOVERNOR

**Tom Bradley:** Since the beginning of his first term as mayor in 1974, Tom Bradley has quietly and solidly managed Los Angeles. Once considered a mayor's nightmare, Los Angeles now thrives in the image of its mayor: placid, prosperous, and decidedly noncontroversial. In the past two years, Bradley has emerged as somewhat of a national figure. He appeared for a time on Walter Mondale's list of potential running mates, ran away with last year's mayorial race in L.A. and triumphantly brought the Olympics to Los Angeles—at no cost to the taxpayers.

If elected governor, Bradley should successfully translate his firm leadership to the state of California. Though only slightly less boring than incumbent Deukmejian, and an old-style liberal in the mold of Walter Mondale, Bradley has taken a hard stand on several key issues. He has campaigned hard against toxic waste dumping, against investment in South Africa, and in support of bilingual education. Bradley has ardently supported equal pay for women, and under his guidance, Los Angeles passed legislation protecting AIDS victims from discrimination in the workplace and in the schools.

But most importantly for California, Tom Bradley may somewhat dilute the conservative wash that "The Duke," Pete Wilson, Bill Honig, and even Ronald Reagan have painted over the state. Though Deukmejian's major claim to fame is his tight grip on state spending, Bradley has successfully kept Los Angeles thrifty—the Olympics even left an excess of funds.

Bradley's liberal presence should trickle down to the legislature and the courts. And since his political ambition seems to end at the governor's mansion, look for Bradley to come out of the closet on issues he has expressed diplomatic ambivalence to in the past, such as racism and the death penalty.

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**Leo McCarthy:** McCarthy, a Democrat from San Francisco, has moved noticeably to the center since his days in the state Assembly. While he used to oppose the death penalty, he now supports it. On the other hand, he has courageously backed Chief Justice Rose Bird while other Democrats have abandoned her. As a UC Regent, McCarthy supported divestment of funds from South African companies as well as more money for education. He has also fought hard for retention of social services and other opportunity funding in the state budget. He is generally regarded as honest, hardworking and effective.

His Republican opponent, Mike Curb, was lieutenant governor under Jerry Brown from 1978-1982. He supported Proposition 13, and the death penalty, and now opposes Rose Bird. Not bad for a guy who made his fortune as a sexploitation flick producer and who never voted until he was 30 years old.

With George Deukmejian hinting at possible presidential aspirations for 1988, the lieutenant governor race takes on new significance. Retain Leo McCarthy as lieutenant governor of California.

## SECRETARY OF STATE

**March Fong Eu:** Even if she hadn't earned a solid reputation as an able administrator and enthusiastic promoter of voter registration, Eu would have garnered our support solely for her legal challenge to the false and misleading language in LaRouche's fearmongering Proposition 64. She deserves another term.

## CONTROLLER

**Gray Davis:** While not exactly a progressive, Davis has maintained a large measure of adherence to Democratic populism during his years in the state Assembly. The office of controller has historically been the foundation of political power bases (Alan Cranston held the office for eight years)—an advantage the journeyman politician deserves over his chief opponent, special-interest-identified state Senate Republican Bill Campbell.

## TREASURER

**Maureen Smith:** The Peace and Freedom Party's candidate for state treasurer, Smith supports divestment from South Africa and has a unique alternative. She proposed a public banking system which would put state money to work for Californians. She's for real tax reform, proposing to patch loopholes that are advantageous for the wealthy and base taxation on an individual's ability to pay.

As a UC Regent, incumbent Jesse Unruh opposed Deukmejian's call for divestment from South Africa. Unruh has given us no reason to support him for treasurer, and with her progressive ideas, Maureen Smith is a sound, progressive alternative.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**No Endorsement:** The race between incumbent Democrat John Van De Kamp and Republican challenger Bruce Gleason doesn't figure to be a close one. Van De Kamp is the more recognizable name, having been the district attorney for Los Angeles before serving in state office. His record as attorney general has been mixed: advocating police-state-like policies on the one hand while backing measures on gay and other civil rights on the other.

In addition, during his tenure as district attorney for L.A. ,the number of police-related deaths and brutality cases markedly increased. His crack-down mentality has translated itself at the state level also: Van De Kamp instigated the state employee fingerprinting measure, and backed the search-and-seizure tactic.

For these reasons, we cannot endorse Van De Kamp. Neither can we endorse Gleason or the other three candidates for reasons of their non-existent track records.

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**Say No to "The Duke" on Election Day.**

## U.S. SENATOR

**Alan Cranston:** Despite a miserable showing in the 1984 presidential primaries, Alan Cranston has retained his status as a strong liberal force on the US Senate floor. As Gorbachev and Reagan will likely hash-out some kind of nuclear disarmament agreement in the next two years, Cranston remains one of the strongest proponents of arms control in the Senate.

Since becoming Senator in 1969, Cranston has been pesky and persistent as a leading voice among Democrats. He has voted against prayer in schools, against funding the MX missle and in support of pro-choice legislation and cuts in military aid to El Salvador. He's strongly opposed to US intervention in Nicaragua, disapproves cutting civil servant positions, and has strenuously pursued human rights legislation. Though Cranston has called for the research and development of Reagan's Star Wars defense plan and voted in favor of the B-1 bomber, he almost single-handedly gave the nuclear freeze movement credibility.

As a US Senator, Cranston has worked hard for California and his re-election is vital if the Democrats hope to regain control of the Senate.

## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Leon Panetta:** For the past 10 years, Panetta has proven himself a strong and accessible representative for the people and the environment of the Santa Cruz-Monterey area. As chair of the House Budget Committee task force, he's also one of the more influential House members, and has steered over $360 billion in deficit cuts through Congress.

Locally, Panetta won changes in the federal tax code to help families who lost their homes in the Love Creek mudslides, and has actively opposed off-shore oil drilling plans for California. He has no political ambitions beyond this next term and is not easily manipulated by big-money special interest groups. In foreign policy, Panetta is an outspoken critic of the Reagan administration's policies in Central America and voted against US aid to the Nicaraguan contras.

Panetta's record is not perfect, however. He voted for the Trident II missile system and lobbied hard for the guest worker amendment to the Simpson-Rodino Immigration Bill. The latter bill promises more exploitative and underpaid work for farm laborers and invites racism. Panetta was also quick to jump on the bandwagon in support of President Reagan's bombing of Libya.

Nevertheless, Panetta has proven himself an asset to progressives and we support his re-election.

## STATE ASSEMBLY 28th DISTRICT

**Sam Farr:** Now seeking his fourth term in the state Assembly, Sam Farr has developed a near consensus of support throughout the district. He is both attentive to his legislative duties and remains in touch with the people of the district. Farr has established leadership credentials on environmental protection and education funding as well as on cutting-edge issues through his chairing of the Committee on High Technology and Economic Development. He is thorough, knowledgeable, and sensitive to both the policy and politics of issues. He also has a dedicated and respected staff, led by Fred "Fabulous" Keely.

## SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

**Rose Bird and Court:** The campaign this year against the California Supreme Court, and Chief Justice Rose Bird in particular, is outrageously political and threatens the impartiality of the judicial process. Court opponents may disagree with certain court decisions or the politics of the governor by whom a justice was appointed. However, judges are bound by their oaths of office and their role in the structure of our government to interpret and apply the Constitution and statutes. Regardless of the popularity of specific statutes or the popularity of the courts' decisions pertaining to those statutes, judges must not be influenced by political considerations when a case is before the court.

The Code of Judicial Conduct instructs that a judge must be "faithful to the law. . . unswayed by partisan interests, public clamor or fear of criticism." Various review commissions, as well as California's legal establishment have found this judicial code of ethics upheld with distinction and integrity by the Supreme Court. The justices' restraint from responding to opponents' criticisms, despite gross distortions of their records, is also to be commended.

Since 1978, the Supreme Court has been protective of Californians' civil rights, deciding that public employees may engage in work stoppages and affirming farm workers' rights to meet with union organizers. The Court has also defended the consumer by ruling that apartment owners cannot bar families with children and has supported tenants in highly publicized tenant-landlord disputes.

*City on a Hill* urges the reconfirmation of Chief Justice Rose Bird, Associate Justices Joseph Grodin, Malcolm Lucas, Stanley Mosk, and Cruz Reynoso, as well as the sixth district Appellate Justices Nat Agliano and Harry Brauer. An impartial judiciary is the basis of our democracy.

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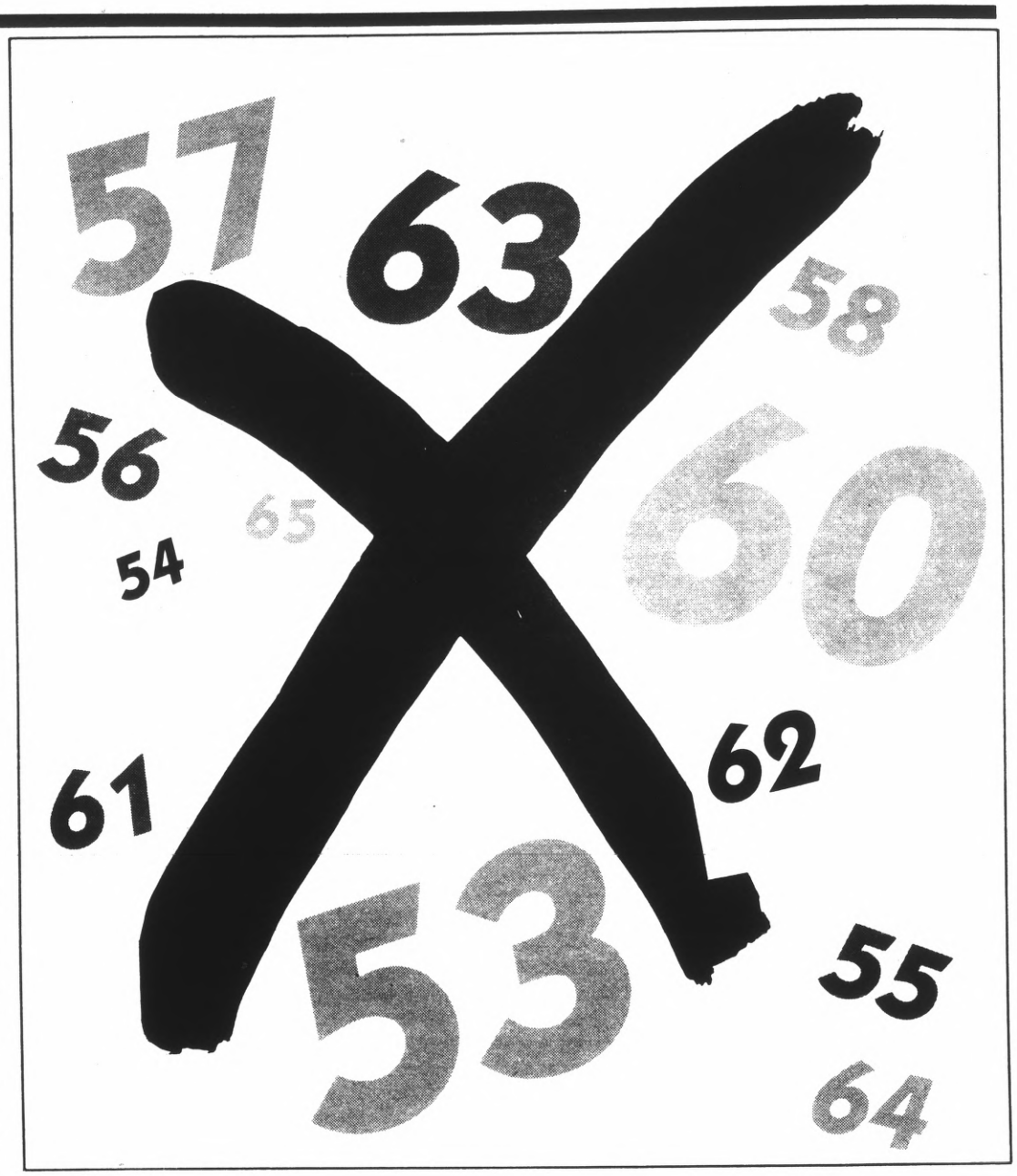



## STATE PROPOSITIONS

**53** *School Building Bond*—**YES:** California's elementary and secondary schools are overcrowded, and they face a surge of nearly half a million new students during the next five years. To noone's surprise, California State Lottery funds, portions of which were once upon a time ideally set for our schools, may not lawfully be used for building new schools.

**54** *New Prisons Construction Bond*—**NO:** We've said it before and we'll say it again. Building prisons does not stop crime. It just puts more people behind bars. And in an increasingly conservative society that's quick to blame anyone or anything but itself for the existence of crime, this is often via an unfair judicial system. Don't vote for a proposition that will bolster the coffers of the California Department of Corrections. With its gross overspending and poor planning, it's looking more like the Pentagon every year.

**55** *Safe Drinking Water Bond*—**NO:** At the beginning of this summer, candidate Tom Bradley was giving Governor George Deukmejian a run for his money on toxics—Bradley endorsed the Safe Drinking Water Initiative (Proposition 65), and brought up the Duke's horrible record on enforcing toxics laws. In hopes of gaining some political clout on toxics, Deukmejian pushed the state legislature to hold up the voter information pamphlet so he could add Proposition 55, the Safe Drinking Water Bond Law.

Proposition 55 would give $100 million in taxpayers' money—a pittance—to various localities for improvement of water systems to help local water districts meet minimum drinking water standards. What it wouldn't do is stop polluters from dumping toxic chemicals in the water—that's what should be done, and will be done by Proposition 65. And what Deukmejian didn't tell us is that the state already has about $200 million—money from polluters, not taxpayers—earmarked for toxics clean-up that he won't spend; he took the money raised by the State Superfund, which taxes manufacturers to pay for cleanup, and put it in the general fund to earn interest—instead of saving our environment.

This state needs responsible toxics enforcement, not political game-playing.

**56** *Higher Education Facilities Bond*—**YES:** Judging by certain events that christened this new school year, Santa Cruzans, student and non, are opposed to the UC admistration's poor planning of new facilities on campus. That doesn't mean that building should stop on every UC, state university and community college campus. Let's pay for new facilities on California's public college campuses, and then encourage our administrations to use those funds responsibly.

**57** *Retirement Benefits for Constitutional Officer*—**NO:** This constitutional amendment would keep the retirement benefits of former statewide-elected officials from increasing in conjunction with salary increases for the persons who now occupy the same positions. If Proposition 57 should pass, retired officials would receive only a yearly cost-of-living increase in their pension.

The fiscal effects of this amendment would be negligible: it would reduce future benefits of less than 20 persons to yield a state savings of only $400,000.

The Constitution of the United States directs that a state may not pass any laws "impairing the obligation of contracts," yet that's exactly what Proposition 57 would do: retirement benefits are part a person's employment contract. It's dishonorable to back down on a promise made to officials who served the people of California, who believed—and rightly so—that they would receive a contracted and constitutionally guaranteed pension.

**58** *Taxation. Family Transfers*—**NO:** When will they quit? Legislators in Sacramento continue to bombard Californians with pointless and silly legislation that wastes paper and causes headaches for the voters who actually bother to figure these measures out. Proposition 58, a poor attempt to ammend Proposition 13, calls for a freeze on property values when property is transferred between parents and children and between spouses. If it passes, California taxpayers will be forced to pick up the slack on property taxes.

**59** *Elected District Attorney*—**NO:** The last thing California voters need is more highly stylized election campaigns designed to mislead taxpayers as to who's really qualified for the job. Proposition 59 would require each of the state's 59 counties to provide elections for district attorney. If passed, the proposition would pave the way glossy elections between lawyers who have piles of money and also force the counties to hold district attorney elections in June and November thus creating problems for counties who want to hold elections for all county officers at the same time.

**60** *Taxation. Replacement Residences*—**YES:** This measure would make it possible for people over the age of 55 to buy a new home in the same county without triggering property reassessment. Senior citizens could then afford to move because they wouldn't have to pay higher property taxes.

**61** *The Gann Initiative*—**NO:** This proposition has the potential to cripple every statewide agency, including the University of California and all other systems of public education in the state. By placing a ceiling on the salaries of state employees, the proposition would chase all state employees into private sector jobs. A wholesale abandonment of the state court system, which would lead to a greatly increased case backlog, has also been predicted by litigators should the proposition become law.

Public education, the court system, and the State of California would all lose should Proposition 61 pass.

**62** *Local Taxation*—**NO:** In this post-Proposition 13 era, when local governments are struggling to find funds for schooling, health care, and other important services, Proposition 62 would take away much of what little control local governments still have over their revenue sources. The initiative, the final project of the late tax-axman Howard Jarvis, would require any new general tax to be approved by a majority of local votes, and by a two-thirds vote of the local legislative body; and any special tax to be approved by two-thirds local votes.

As even cursory analysis shows, tax increases are politically unpopular, especially at the polls. What are not unpopular, frivolous, are the crucial services local governments must provide. It is unfortunate that the polling booth is rarely the place for self-sacrifice; asking voters to approve what most of them see as a pain, not a service—as this proposition does—is unrealistic and short-sighted. We must continue to rely upon the wisdom of local elected officials to raise necessary revenue when and where it's needed, and to rely upon the power of the ballot box to check those officials' actions.

**63** *Official State Language*—**NO:** Proponents tout this initiative as a symbolic reaffirmation of the English language—the "glue" that binds a now "divided American society." But this initiative reflects little more than the fundamentally racist and xenophobic attitudes of its sponsors, and it serves merely as a smokescreen for the proponents' expressed desire to disenfranchise immigrant populations that are only now beginning to assert their political presence.

Proponents say the initiative will force immigrants to learn English, but the initiative will do nothing to help or encourage people to learn the language. Proposition 63 neither mandates more money for English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, nor does it require that the state offer more classes. Instead, it would erradicate the gamut of state-funded, bilingual services—everything, potentially, from bilingual education to bilingual health, legal, and emergency services.

Immigrants don't need a constitutional amendment to tell them that they need to learn English if they want to survive in this country. Proposition 63 is an unnecessary initiative that represents an indefensible attack on immigrants' and every individual's right to equal participation in our society.

**64** *The AIDS Initiative*—**NO:** Ed Zschau and Alan Cranston may be going for each other's jugular, but there's one thing even they agree on—both signed their names to the official ballot argument against Proposition 64, Lyndon LaRouches's specious "Prevent AIDS Now" Initiative.

Cranston and Zschau aren't alone: the opposition to 64 has comprised the broadest coalition of various interests in recent state history. That's because the initiative *wouldn't*, by any measure, "prevent" AIDS. What it would prevent is the liberty of literally hundreds of thousands of Californians (civil rights would be effectively suspended for everyone diagnosed, even incorrectly, as carrying or having AIDS). It would also prevent AIDS victims from seeking the medical attention they need, since to admit their illness would be to invite state-sanctioned persecution. Driving AIDS victims underground would further prevent public awareness efforts and biomedical research—our sane steps toward ending the crisis.

LaRouche's organization has no intention of actually meeting the threat posed by the disease; instead they seek political notoriety by offering the absurd pseudo-option of simply voting away an epidemic. Proposition 64 is not only blind to the needs of victims of AIDS. . . it seeks to make us all victims of ignorance.

**65** *Toxic Discharge and Exposure Restrictions*—**YES:** The statistics are scary: according to a recent State Department of Health Services water survey, 18 percent of California wells are contaminated with toxic substances, and half are contaminated above the legal level. Proposition 65 would keep drinking water from further contamination by carcinogens and chemicals known to cause sterility and birth defects, and would finally put some much needed restrictions on the polluters.

It's easy to see why industry has pumped millions of dollars into defeating this proposition. Dubbed the "Get Tough on Toxics" bill, a large part of the proposition deals with enforcement; if passed, it would punish serious toxics violators with jail sentences and fines of up to twice the size of present fines. This proposition would make it illegal for a business to discharge harmful chemicals into the state's drinking water supply and to expose workers and consumers to toxic chemicals without warning. Officials would also be required to disclose information on illegal discharges.

This proposition is long overdue and much needed; for too long, big business has been allowed to take risks with the health of California residents.

# LETTERS *to the* STAFF

## Apology

In the article entitled "Gays of Our Lives" (10/23), quotations were incorrectly attributed to Flora Murray. In truth, Murray was not interviewed. *City on a Hill* regrets the error.

## Old Birth Control Works

Dear Staff:

I was deeply disturbed by Anne Gfeller's article on new birth control research, "Fertility Rites," (Oct. 23). Gfeller dismisses the best contraceptives we have in a single sentence, stating, "Barrier methods of birth control, such as the condom and diaphragm, are unwieldy and inconvenient." How inconvenient is putting on a condom or slipping in a diaphragm compared to experiencing an unplanned pregnancy? Precisely who is inconvenienced by the temporary delay of penetration? When something as precious as reproductive health is at stake, is timing really an important consideration?

Barrier methods are the "safe, reliable, and easy to use" forms of contraception heterosexuals are searching for. Condoms and foam and jelly containing nonoxynol-9 protect both partners from many of the sexually transmitted diseases so prevalent today. Barrier methods promote open communication and facilitate active male involvement in pregnancy prevention because these methods must be used while making love. Unlike the Pill or the IUD, these methods rarely pose health risks to the women using them, and when used properly they are very effective. Alleviating fear of pregnancy is crucial to women's sexual fulfillment; shared responsibility for contraception shows women that their male partners care about them and can lead to an equal emphasis on female pleasure.

The new methods Gfeller describes, such as irreversible hormone injections or implants which must be inserted and removed by a physician, control women. Barrier methods allow women to take fertility control into their own hands.

Finally, Gfeller does not address the conditions of women's lives, especially in Third World countries, that make pregnancy unbearable, and lead women to "consent" to dangerous contraceptive experimentation.

Sincerely,
Rachel Roth
Kresge College

## The Students' Teachers

Dear Staff:

As one of the non-Senate faculty, I am insulted by the CEP's proposal that could label us inferior educators.

As a graduate of UCSC, I know that many lecturers are superior educators compared to many professors. True, professors are often at the top of their fields. That doesn't mean much when they are inaccessible to undergraduates. Professors usually have T.A.'s to interact with the students, so they can have time for committees, meetings, and research. Lecturers deal with students directly.

Stating that lecturers are not current in their fields is simply ignorant. When not employed teaching, we earn our living being current in our fields! When teaching, we'd rather spend our time working with students than advancing our own careers. We make it possible for professors to have time to do research.

We welcome reviews, but remember that tenure and publishing do not a great educator make. Our mixture of education with experience make *us* some of the best in our fields, for our students. To be a great educator, it takes energy, wisdom, and commitment: commitment to the student's education, not to some obscure, long-term administrative goal. The students are here now, today, and so are we. That's what really matters.

In Solidarity,
Brad Gardner

## Professing Policy

Dear Staff:

"Who says they can't teach?" Your front page headline makes it look as if the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) is saying the lecturers at UCSC either (1) don't have teaching ability, or (2) aren't allowed to teach (can't is ambiguous here). CEP isn't making either of these claims. It is only saying that its policy will be to question regular reliance by any Board on non-Senate faculty for required courses, and will expect that such reliance will be argued for as an exception where necessary.

The Committee on Planning and Budget does not agree with all of the details of CEP's policy statement dealing with this, as you correctly report. If phrased in terms that are too sweeping and general, it may be incompatible with certain other givens about our situation here. But this problem doesn't make CEP's point go away.

CEP is also concerned to make sure that Senate faculty positions are committed appropriately, to those activities that are clearly successful parts of the curriculum. The long period during which Women's Studies deserved Senate faculty positions (on grounds of student numbers) but was not assigned any is an example of what CEP's policy might have prevented.

Attempting to set policy that ensures Senate involvement with the undergraduate curriculum does not imply any denial of the talents of the lecturers who currently serve this institution in a teaching-only capacity without having Senate membership or security of employment; many of them are famous for the high quality of their teaching.

CEP's present wording of its policy may not be acceptable, but I think its intent deserves the support of all of us.

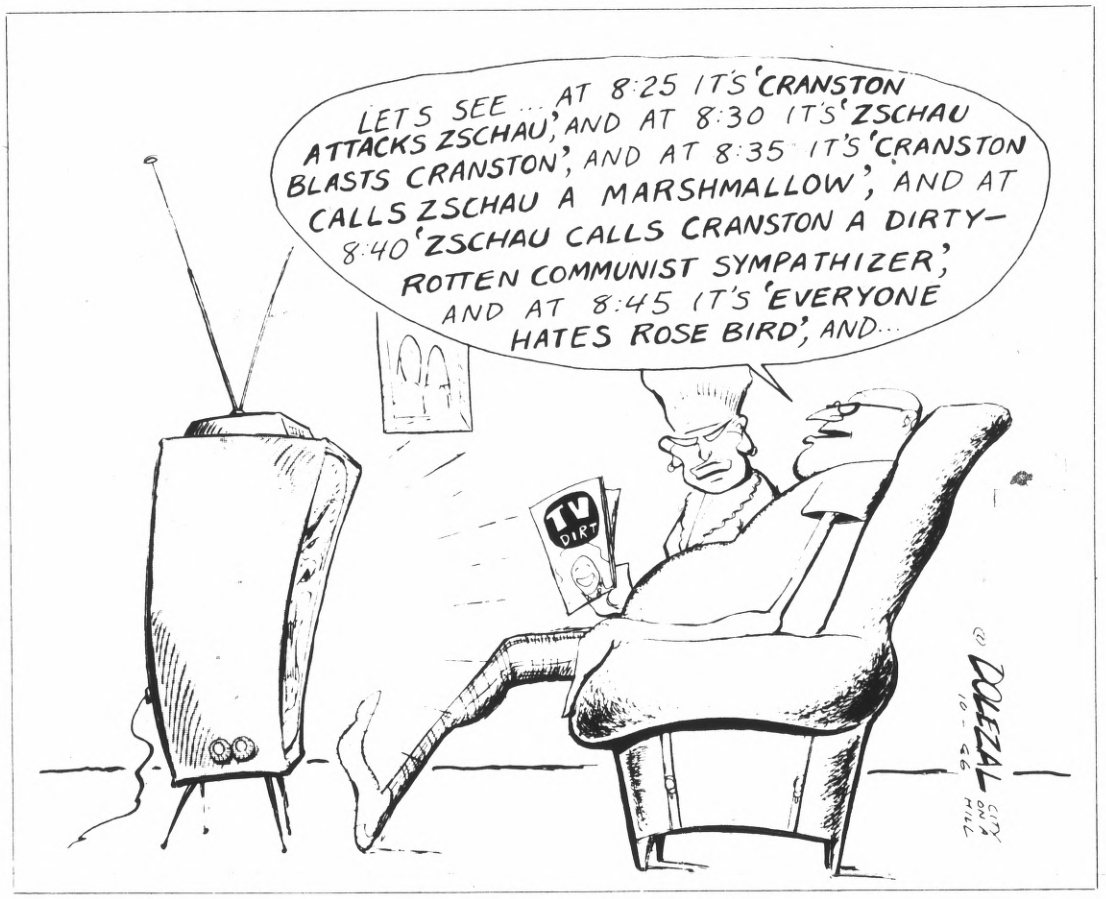
Geoffrey K. Pullum
Chair, Committee on Planning and Budget

## Isbister is Wrong

Dear Staff:

We wish to take great exception to LRDP Chair John Isbister's 23 October letter in *City on a Hill*.

Isbister seeks to portray the CARD lawsuit as detrimental to students and the community. Such a conclusion uses the same sort of convoluted logic as Academic Senate Chair Ron Ruby's assertion that responsible, managed development is somewhat elitist and anti-minority.


LETS SEE... AT 8:25 IT'S 'CRANSTON ATTACKS ZSCHAU', AND AT 8:30 IT'S 'ZSCHAU BLASTS CRANSTON', AND AT 8:35 IT'S 'CRANSTON CALLS ZSCHAU A MARSHMALLOW', AND AT 8:40 'ZSCHAU CALLS CRANSTON A DIRTY-ROTTEN COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER', AND AT 8:45 IT'S 'EVERYONE HATES ROSE BIRD', AND...
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As an organization that works in the public interest of UCSC students, we find the Isbister-Ruby disinformation unacceptable. By their own admission, the administration did not follow legal procedural guidelines in a number of its development schemes. This raises significant questions both about this administration's integrity and about the reasonability of the LRDP, the 20-year plan, etc. To suggest that bypassing the law to promote irresponsible growth is in any way good for students of the Santa Cruz community is ludicrous. To have Isbister and Ruby advance the Reagan position that a rising tide lifts all boats is an embarrasment.

The city and county of Santa Cruz have for years understood the merits of controlled growth. They support our need to extend the premise to the campus. Only focused responses to increase the percentages of under-represented minorities at UCSC will bring a more diverse campus culture, not unbridled development.

Isbister states that he can see no winners in this lawsuit. We strongly disagree. If the university has broken the law and the courts force it to uphold the legal processes of growth, both the campus and community will have won a significant battle to control the institutions that affect their daily lives. On a larger scale, making the university act legally and responsibly makes winners of the people of the State of California.

Sincerely,
Karen Alcorn, Coordinator
Student Community Action

## Fiat Integrity

Dear Staff:

John Isbister writes in last week's *City on a Hill* that he can't think of any winners in the CARD lawsuit against illegal and indiscriminate building expansion on campus. This seems to imply that in any dispute there must always by a "Winner" and that "Compromise" is a dirty word.

I would suggest that in this particular conflict "Honesty" and "Integrity" may become the ultimate winners if we could persuade the present administration to accept these words into their working vocabulary.

Sincerely,
Paul Downham
UCSC Alumnus

## We're All Aliens Here

Dear Staff:

Just a few thoughts on the official state language controversy. As reported in last week's article by David Beers, modern-day immigrants are being succinctly informed by Stanley Diamond of the California English-only initiative campaign that, "if you are here illegally, I suggest you leave." This kind of comment is a virulent example of the race-arrogant and colonialist mentality which still persists on this continent. Layer upon layer, the conquerers have piled their cultures onto the virgin land.

At one time, the native Americans held a claim to a harmonious existence with the earth, even though some of their age-old ancestors are suspected of having helped exterminate the great Ice-Age megafauna, such as the woolly mammoth, the cave bear, and the sabre-toothed tiger. Next came the Spaniards with their guns, their smallpox infested blankets and their slave labor camps. They in turn have fallen under the heel of the Anglo-Saxons who now hold sway over the former Mexican state of Alta California.

Don't try to fool us with talk of illegal immigration. At this point, considering genocide, conquest, and man's devastation of the natural environment, there are very few of us today who are not presently residing here "illegally". The small remaining Ohlone Indian population is the closest thing to a still-valid grant holder on the land.

Sincerely,
Gary Blair

## Watch That Word!

Dear Staff:

While applauding your two articles on Central America and the Veterans' Fast, I must urge you to be more exact and clear in your reporting. A headline "Training for Terrorism" (October 23) followed by a misquotation, "There's terrorism in our backyard," could give your readers the wrong impression about the Pledge of Resistance movement. The Nicaraguan contras are proven terrorists. The US army may intervene to assist them, in which case they will become accomplices in terrorism.

The US government is funding a form of 'state-sponsored terrorism'. But that does not mean that the light infantry at Fort Ord is "Training for Terrorism". They are simply preparing for military intervention, especially in Central America. They might later be judged 'terrorist'. We do not view nor accuse soldiers at Fort Ord of being proto-terrorists; rather, we are concerned for their welfare in an insane, unjustified, and uncontainable war. The sensationalist overtones of "terrorism in our backyard" need to be contextualized more precisely, or the phrase will seem like crude, hysterical sloganeering. By the way, over 90,000 people nationwide have signed a *Pledge of Resistance* to US intervention in Central America.

Sincerely,
John Hunter
Monterey Bay Pledge of Resistance

**Deadlines for letters** are Tuesday at 5pm. Please type and double space them. Letters over a page in length run the grave risk of being edited. Letters on current events and material appearing in *City on a Hill* will be given precedence to letters rebutting letters appearing here. Letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Send mail to Staff, City on a Hill, Stonehouse UCSC, 95064. Thank you.

# VIEWfinder

**APTOS TWIN** 688-6541
**I. True Stories** 6:40, 8:30, 10:15 Sat/Sun matinees 1:15, 3, 4:50
**II. Blue Velvet** 5:30, 7:45, 10, Sat/Sun mats 1, 3:15

**DEL MAR** 425-0616
**I. Soul Man** 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 8, 10:10
**II. Trick or Treat** 1:30, 5:40, 9:40, with **The Boy Who Could Fly** 3:30, 7:40
**III. Crocodile Dundee** 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 8, 10:10
**IV. Sky Bandits** 1:30, 3:30, 5:40, 7:40, 9:40

**41st AVE. PLAYHOUSE** 476-8841
**I. The Name of the Rose** 1:20, 4:10, 7, 9:40
**II. Children of a Lesser God** 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
**III. Peggy Sue Got Married** 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:10

**NICKELODEON** 426-7500
**I. Belizaire the Cajun** 6:40, 8:35, 10:25, Sun mats. 2:40, 4:15
**II. My Beautiful Laundrette** 6:50, 8:40, Sun mats. 2:50, 5
**III. Steaming** 6:30, 8:15, Sun mat 4:35
**IV. Extremities** 7:10, 8:50, 10:30, Sun mats 3, 5:25
**V. Tommy** 10:05, Sun mat 2:30

**SASH MILL** 427-1711
Thurs-Sat: **Head** 7:30 (and 11:15 Fri/Sat), **Hair** 9:05
Sun: **Touch of Evil** 7, **Marnie** 9
Mon: **The Magic Flute** 7, 9:25
Tues-Wed: **Hail Mary** 7, 9
Thurs: **Vagabond** 7, 9

**RIO** 423-2000
**The Color of Money** 5:30, 8:05, 10:30, Sat/Sun mats. 12:40, 3:05

**UA** 426-8383
**I. Jumpin' Jack Flash** 5:45, 8:15, 10:30, Sat/Sun mats. 1:15, 3:30
**II. Stand By Me** 5:30, 7:30, 9:30, Sat/Sun mats. 1:30, 3:30

**MOVIE I & II** 426-9409
Call theater for times and titles

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## *Thursday* 30

### ☐lectures

The Work of Cecilia Condit. Patricia Mellancamp, art history, University of Washington, Videotapes will be shown. 7:30pm, Oakes 105, Free.

What Difference Would A Socialist Politician Make? Sylvia Weinstein, who is currently running for Supervisor of San Francisco and is a Socialist. 7:30pm, Merrill Baobab Lounge, Free.

### ☐meetings

Graduate Students group. 5pm, Kresge Seminar Room (159).

Minority Students: Living in a Sea of Whiteness—group for minority students designed to provide a forum in which relevant issues can be explored and resolved through mutual support. 5:30pm, Oakes Provost House.

### ☐sports

Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee. No experience necessary, 3-4:30pm, West Field, Free.

### ☐workshop

Test Anxiety Workshop for students. 2pm, Crown Sr. Commons, Free.

Procrastination Workshop for students who wish to learn more about curbing procrastination. 3pm, Stevenson Conference Room, Free.

### ☐miscellaneous

Sciences and High Tech Fair: companies will be on campus to discuss careers in Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, and Computer Engineering, Earth Sciences, Physics and Mathematics. 10am, Merrill Dining Hall, Free.

The Renegades of Gravity return to Cowell. Those crazy jugglers are back! 6:40pm, Cowell Dining Hall, Free.

## *Friday* 31

### ☐movies

*Willie Wonka:* 7pm. *American Werewolf in London:* 9pm. The serial "Batman and Robin" plays at each film date. 7pm, Kresge Town Hall, $2.

*Night of the Living Dead* 8pm, Classroom Unit 2, $2.

### ☐meetings

Al-Anon meeting: for friends and relatives of alcoholics. 12noon, Cowell Health Center Conference Room.

Los Mexicas: learn folk dances from Mexico. No experience necessary. 6:30pm, Activities Bldg., East Field, Free.

### ☐sports

Men's Soccer vs. Azusa Pacific. 3pm, East Field, Free.

### ☐dance

Halloween D.J. Dance under the stars in the Stevenson Main Quad, Free.

### ☐miscellaneous

Noontime aerobics! Meet every other lunch to stretch, dance and move to the beat of some upbeat music with instructor Laurie Broderick. All staff and faculty welcome. 12:15pm, East Dance Studio, $2 per class; $18 for ten classes.

## *Saturday* 1

### ☐meetings

Blacks in Science: third annual dinner; purpose is to welcome returning students and new students to UCSC and meet other students with similar interests. 6pm, Stevenson Fireside Lounge, Free.

### ☐sports

Intramural Sports: Advanced Tennis Singles Tournament. $2 entry fee. Refreshments provided. Sign up in OPERS Office. 9am, West Tennis Courts.

Intramural Sports: Novice Foil Tournament. A must tournament for all beginning fencers. 11am, East Field House, Free.

Women's Volleyball. Cal-State, Stanislaus. 7:30pm, West Gym, Free.

### ☐dance

Parrinton House is sponsoring a Halloween Waltz. Dress up in your favorite costume—prizes awarded for the waltz and costume contests!! 9pm, Cowell Dining Hall, Free.

## *Sunday* 2

### ☐movies

*American Werewolf in London:* 7pm. *Poltergeist:* 9pm. The serial "Batman and Robin" plays at each film date. 7pm, Kresge Town Hall, $2.

### ☐concerts

Three Generations of American Music. Works be Cage, Mumma, Harrison, Cowell, & Ives perofrmed by David Able, Julie Steinberg, Wm. Winant with guest artists Lou Harrison and Bill Colvig in celebration of American Music Week. 3pm, Performing Arts Concert Hall, $3.50 students/seniors; $8.50 general.

### ☐meetings

TWANAS: Open House. An event to get out information about the paper, its history, purpose, present goals, and to get the community involved and interested in TWANAS. 6pm, Cowell Conference Room, Free.

Catholic Eucharist and Fellowship. 7pm, Cowell Health Center Conference Room, Free.

### ☐exhibits

Women Are Building Their Altars: eight local artists invite you to the creation and exhibition of their altars. Experience the works of Roberta Almerez, Karen Asherah, Bhavananda, Beth Beurkens, Mary Blaettler, Rose Buffalo, Janes Reyes and Willow Simmons. Noon - 8pm. Cardiff House (Women's Center). Donation requested.

## *Monday* 3

### ☐lectures

Synthesis of Beta-Lactams Via Photochemical Reactions of Chromium Carbenes. Louis Hegedus, Colorado State University 4pm, Thimann 397, Free.

Interesting Flowering Trees. J.R. Dunmire, Senior Editor SUNSET. 7:30pm, Thimann 1, Free.

### ☐meetings

Brown Bag Luncheon: Housing: Community, Co-operation, and Communal Living. Dori Schack, Coordinator, Off-Campus Housing, and Jonathan Smallidge, communal housing advocate, will address local housing options and resources. 12pm, Re-Entry Lounge, Classroom Unit Bldg., Free.

Women in Transition: 3:30pm, Kerr Hall 247, Free.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship: weekly large group meeting. 7:30pm, Classroom Unit 1, Free.

Hillel/JSC: Hebrew discussion chug. ongoing—come practice speaking Hebrew, any level. 7:30pm, Cowell 223, Free.

### ☐sports

Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee. No experience necessary, 3-4:30pm, East Field, Free.

### ☐exhibits

Natural Science Art and Illustration in Watercolor and Colored Pencil by Wendy L. Ridenour. Nov. 3-21, 8am-4pm daily. College 8 Coffee House.

### ☐miscellaneous

Noontime aerobics! All staff and faculty welcome. 12:15pm, East Gym, $2 per class; $18 for ten classes.

## *Tuesday* 4

### ☐movies

*Ship of Fools* Film Festival. 7:30pm, Kresge 327, Free.

*Underworld* (1927) Also Reel of Silent Trailers (1925): "coming attractions" for silent films. Also *The Fall of the House of Usher* (1928). 7:30pm, Porter D148, Free.

### ☐meetings

People to People: group for students to gain knowledge about themselves and their relationships using interpersonal skills. 4pm, Cowell Health Center Conference Room, Free.

Anthropology Society: interested people wanted. 5:30pm, Kerr Hall 247.

Psychology Students Association: meet to discuss ways in which we can deal with problems that arise from the high number of students in our major. 5:30pm, Kerr Hall 251.

Chinese Students Association: general meeting. 7:30pm, Stevenson Fireside Lounge.

### ☐sports

Men's Soccer vs. Sonoma State. 3pm, East Field, Free.

### ☐workshop

Preparing For And Taking Exams: Do you break out in a cold sweat at the thought of an exam? Rosalee Cabrera, EOP Counselor, will offer techniques on approaching problem solving and helping you become more assertive in uncomfortable situations. 3:30pm, McHenry Library Conference Room 325, Free.

## *Wednesday* 5

### ☐movies

*Provincial Actors* (1979, Poland): A narrative film about a troupe of actors in contemporary Poland. 7:30pm, Thimann 3, $2.

### ☐concerts

Leta Miller, Flutist, with guest artists, performs a program of French and American music for Baroque and modern flute, 8pm, Performing Arts Concert Hall, $2 students/seniors, $5 general.

### ☐lectures

Everything to Gain: Northern Black Thought During the Revolutionary Era. Rita Roberts, Huntington Library, and candidate for the Target of Opportunity position is History. 3pm, Cowell Conference Room, Free.

American Labor: The Making of a Portrait in Photographs. Earl Dotter, renowned labor photographer. Slide show and talk. 7pm, Charles Merrill Lounge, Free.

### ☐meetings

Transitions: Re-Entry Students group to enhance the probabilty of a satisfactory transition to UCSC. 3:30pm, Cowell Health Center Conference Room, Free.

The Art of Parenting: group for parents who desire to enhance the quality of the relationship which they have with their children and to deal with their own conflicts regarding parenting. 3:30pm, Porter Fireside Lounge, Free.

Hillel/JSC: Jewish Men's Support/Rap Group. 7pm, Stevenson 213, Free.

**HAGOWEEN: The Sea Hags headline Friday's Halloween happening at Porter.**

MEChA: all welcome. bienvenidos! 7pm, Oakes Art Lounge, Free.

Lavendar Guild: gay men's rap group open to gay, bisexual and questioning men from 7:30-9pm, followed by a gay social hour from 9-10pm. Kresge 194, Free.

TWANAS: meeting for students interested in TWANAS and production schedule discussions. 7:30pm, Merrill Classroom 2.

Men's Alternative Community: students organization aimed at promoting political awareness and social hour from 9-10pm. Kresge Seminar Room (159), Free.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship: Bible study of the Parables in the New Testament. 9pm, Porter Fellows Lounge D222.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship: Crown-Merrill weekly Bible study. 9pm, Merrill 102.

### ☐workshop

Paid Summer Internships for Science Students Workshops. 4pm, 339 Thiman Labs, Free.

### ☐exhibits

Earl Dotter, renowned labor photographer: 30 photographs, Nov. 5-7, 3-5pm, Charles Merrill Lounge, Free.

### ☐miscellaneous

Change of Program of Study. Last day to file a petition to drop a course with a $5 fee. 8am, Registrar's Office.

Change of major, college, name. Last day to file petition to be effective winter quarter. 8am, Registrar's Office.

Withdrawal Petition. Last day to file petition for withdrawal with partial refund of fees. 8am, Registrar's Office.

Noontime aerobics! 12:15pm, East Gym, $2 per class; $18 for ten classes.

## *Thursday* 6

### ☐theater

*Oh What A Lovely War*: scenes directed by Audrey Stanley. 6:40pm, Cowell Dining Hall.

### ☐meetings

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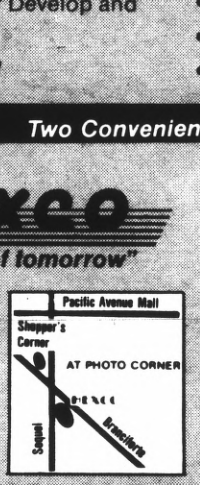


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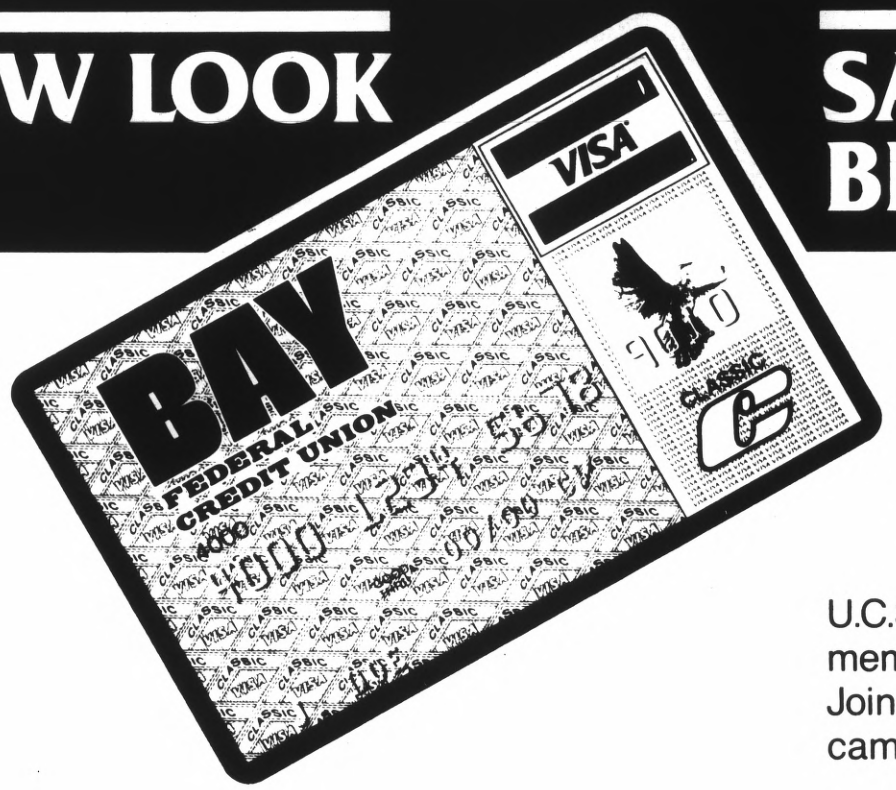


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## *Two Political Prisoners*

# Brothers Behind Bars

by Yari Vesel Mander

SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL prisoner Nelson Mandela is finally a popular figure in the United States, thanks to a highly-publicized grassroots movement here against US involvement in supporting apartheid. But the case of a US political prisoner, Lakota (Sioux) Indian Leonard Peltier, is largely unknown to the people of this country. Though Peltier has received little attention in the media, his case has more in common with Mandela's than most Americans realize.

"US foreign policy starts on Indian land," said Lakota poet and American Indian Movement (AIM) activist Tom LaBlanc. On Columbus Day, October 13, the Louden Nelson Community Center hosted a forum sponsored by the African National Congress (ANC), AIM, and the All People's Congress. The forum, part of a 25-city national tour, explored the similarities between the struggle of the Native American and the Native South African. Speakers at the forum emphasized that political prisoners Mandela and Peltier symbolize the determination of their peoples to stand up and fight for their dignity, human rights, and their land.

Above the stage at the Louden Nelson Center hung a long yellow banner with an illustration of Mandela behind bars on the left and Peltier behind bars on the right. In the middle were the words, "Solidarity with South African, Native American and all political prisoners."

Ahmed Qono, a representative of the ANC and one of the keynote speakers, expressed solidarity with Native Americans. "The treatment of the Native American right from the day the white man arrived (in the new world) is very similar to the treatment we have been suffering in South Africa," he said. "They have been deprived of their most fundamental right—the land right. They've been pushed into settlements (reservations), and we've been pushed into 'homelands'."

Lakota singer and songwriter Floyd Westerman, another participant, plays folk music that goes to the roots of 'American' tradition. He sings about the traditional beliefs and ways of life of Native Americans from the perspective of a person whose culture has been pushed aside by the forces of Western technological expansion. He explained to the audience of about 75 that while most of his songs are in defense of the Native American way of life, the struggle in South Africa is much the same thing. "We were both affected by the same kind of institutions," he said. "Christian missionaries came to other peoples' land and made them stop their religion to become Christian. Any man who says 'think of God my way' has no idea of what freedom of religion is all about."

While many anti-apartheid activists are crying 'Amandla', or "freedom", for Mandela—in jail since 1964—there hasn't been much attention focused on Peltier by this country's anti-apartheid movement. Westerman, ANC representative Qono, and Peltier Defense Committee representative Steve Robideau are hoping to increase American awareness and participation in publicizing the untold story of the Peltier case.

According to AIM activists, Peltier, convicted of "aiding and abetting" in the murder of two FBI agents, is serving time in jail for a crime he didn't commit. They say that the Peltier defense was denied the right to use key evidence which would have proved his innocence.

Today many people are still disputing the sequence of events that left two FBI agents and one Coeur D'Alene Indian dead. On June 26, 1975, two FBI agents drove onto the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, Lakota Indian land, without jurisdiction, and a shoot-out ensued. AIM claims that the two agents machine-gunned the shack of Dennis Banks, one of the AIM leaders of the Wounded Knee occupation of 1973. Banks was not in the shack at the time, but Joe Stuntz, the Coeur d'Alene Indian, was killed. AIM claims that the two agents were shot and killed in an act of self-defense on the part of the Indians. The FBI, on the other hand, claims that the two agents were ambushed, and in an attempt to defend themselves, killed Stuntz.

After an interrogation of over 300 reservation residents, the FBI eventually indicted four Lakota AIM members, including Peltier, in the deaths of the agents. No one was ever indicted for the killing of Stuntz. Charges were later dropped against one of those indicted, while the two others were found not guilty by a Cedar Rapids, Iowa jury. Their attorneys were able to "present glaring examples of FBI misconduct on Pine Ridge, and to demonstrate how those in the AIM camp had necessarily acted in self-defense."

The not guilty verdict led to an all out effort by the federal government to extradite the fourth person indicted, Leonard Peltier, from Canada, where he was being held pending Canada's decision regarding his request for political asylum.

To extradite Peltier from Canada the US federal government had to show Canadian authorities probable cause for his guilt. According to AIM and others, FBI agents coerced false and conflicting affidavits from Lakotan Myrtle Poor Bear, who the FBI said was an eye witness of the shoot-out. Poor Bear later told defense attorneys how she was terrorized into signing the affidavits by two agents who showed her pictures of dead Indians, threatening to kill her and her children if she did not do as they said.

In Peltier's trial, Judge Paul Benson denied evidence which was crucial in the defense of the other two AIM members. For example, Peltier's defense was denied ballistic and autopsy reports showing that the bullets which killed the agents didn't match the gun that Peltier was accused of using.

Today, Peltier is in jail in Leavenworth, Kansas, having served 10 years of his two life sentences. Recently the Eighth Circuit Court denied Peltier a retrial (see side bar).

Steve Robideau of the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, brother of one of the AIM members found innocent, told KZSC radio, "the decision on Leonard was political corruption, a continued conspiracy of what really happened on June 26, 1975."

In many other countries the case of Peltier is already well known. The people of the Soviet Union have written 17 million letters protesting Peltier's imprisonment. Elizabeth Dilauro, writing in the *Los Angeles Times*, pointed out that when George Schultz confronted Soviet leader Gorbachev "with the circumstances of Andrei Sakharov as an example of blatant human rights abuses in his country, (Gorbachev) countered with the name of Leonard Peltier." The US State Department dismissed Gorbachev's mention of the Peltier case as "a feeble attempt to get back at us." However, support groups in Europe and Japan, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Desmond Tutu, Amnesty International, 50 members of the US Congress, and 55 members of the Canadian Parliament are addressing the possibility of wrongdoing by the US government against Peltier.

Andrea Carmen, of the International Indian Treaty Council, told the Louden Nelson audience that "Leonard Peltier has said that only the people will be able to demand justice for him, and only through the efforts of the people will justice be served in his case and the case of all political prisoners."

## No New Trial for Peltier

IN A DECISION DESCRIBED as both "outrageous" and "politically motivated" by members of the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals denied Leonard Peltier a new trial on September 11, 1986. A three-judge panel has been deliberating on Peltier's request for a new trial since October 1985. Although the judges' written opinion admitted that there had been fabrications, withholding of evidence, coercion of witnesses, as well as improper conduct by the FBI in Peltier's original trial, they were still not convinced that a new trial was merited.

Steve Robideau of the National Office of the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee charges that "the 8th Circuit Court's decision represents a continuation of an 11-year conspiracy to cover up illegal acts on the part of the US government, denial of due process, and injustices practiced against Leonard Peltier and native peoples in general." The judges' opinion itself states that they found "evidence of improper conduct on the part of some FBI agents, but we are reluctant to impute even further improprieties to them."

The opinion continues to state that "it is a possibility that the jury would have acquitted Leonard Peltier, had the records and data improperly withheld from the defense been available to him in order to better exploit and reinforce the inconsistencies casting strong doubts on the government's case. Yet, we are bound by the Bagley test, requiring that we be convinced from a review of the entire records, that had the data and records withheld been made available, the jury probably would have reached a different result. We have not been so convinced." Leonard Peltier's defense attorney challenged the decision, stating that "it is impossible for the judges to put themselves in the position of a jury or to determine what such a jury would probably decide, if all the evidence was available to them. Only a citizens' jury itself can make that determination."

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## *Covert Aid to Angolan Rebels*

# The Killing Deals

by Jason Moody

IN 1975, WHEN CONGRESS learned the details of the Central Intelligence Agency's covert war in Angola, the political mood was different than it is today. Watergate and Vietnam were fresh in the minds of the American public and secret wars and undercover governmental intrigues were not in fashion. In this atmosphere, the Senate, despite President Gerald Ford's objections, easily passed the Clark Amendment, which prohibited the US from sending aid to any of the factions fighting in Angola's bloody civil war.

### ANALYSIS

Things have changed. The Clark Amendment has been repealed, and early this year the Reagan administration announced its plans to seek assistance for Angola's "freedom fighters". Last month, the House of Representatives followed suit, clearing the way for the CIA to reopen its operations in the region by rejecting a proposal that would have barred aid to the rebels unless openly approved by Congress. Proponents of the amendment argued that major foreign policy decisions, such as those involving aid to combatants in war, ought to be made only after full public debate.

But a majority of the House supported the view that the covert aid was a cornerstone of the "Reagan Doctrine," a catch-all phrase used to describe the president's determination to back "anti-communist freedom fighters" around the globe. Representative Henry Hyde (R-IL), speaking on the House floor, defended the policy. "It's a tough world," he said. "Some things must be done in secret to be successful."

In an effort to raise the level of public debate and awareness on the issue, John Stockwell, ex-CIA Chief of the Angolan covert war in 1975 and author of *In Search of Enemies*, and UCSC professor John Marcum, an expert witness to Congress on Angola and author of *The Angolan Revolution*, met in the Stevenson Dining Hall late Thursday for a forum entitled "The Angolan Contra War: Reagan Doctrine in Southern Africa." Both speakers lamented Congress' recent decision to fund the Angolan rebels. "In 1975 we played a zero-sum game (in Angola) and lost," said Marcum, "and now we're back doing the same thing again." And according to Stockwell, Congress is "ignoring the internal dynamics of what Angola is all about."

Ever since Angola won its independence from Portugal in 1975, the country has been the center of a complex strategic chess match involving South Africa, the US, Cuba, and the Soviet Union. The now-ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) controls the larger towns and cities and exercises loose dominion over two-thirds of the country. Its position is bolstered by the presence of some 30,000 Cuban troops. Meanwhile, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), the only remaining rebel faction, operates freely in the remaining one-third of the country and relies on the military and

logistical support of South Africa. With some 20,000 regular soldiers stationed along Angola's southwest border, South Africa claims that Angola and its Cuban soldiers are the standard-bearers of Soviet-backed aggression throughout the region.

After more than a decade of struggle, each side is still too weak to inflict a decisive military blow on the other—yet foreign aid continues to provide the means for the war to go on indefinitely. The unending conflict is exacting a devastating toll on the economy and people, and many observers report that Angola is disintegrating as a functioning state. For example, the national currency, the Kwanza, is all but worthless, and citizens have reverted to barter (the current price of a single egg at the dollar-to-Kwanza exchange rate is $10). The road and rail networks outside a 50-mile radius around the capital have become so dangerous that it is not safe to travel without armed escorts.

Last year, government-controlled areas yielded only 300,000 tons of food, less than half the national need, and this year production is expected to go down to about 240,000 tons. Aid workers, government officials, and western diplomats say hundreds of thousands of Angolans face growing hunger and malnutrition, as the peasant farmers who once helped make the country self-sufficient in food abandon fields that the rebels have planted with land mines. Twenty to thirty percent of children in affected areas are reportedly severely malnourished.

The diamond industry, once a major cash earner, has been brought to a near halt by rebel attacks and a lack of technicians. Only the oil sector has kept the economy afloat, permitting the government to purchase food on the world market, and to spend massively on arms: 50 percent of the national budget goes to the war effort.

Blessed with vast oil reserves, massive diamond deposits, and much fertile land, Angola should be an African economic powerhouse. Instead, the country's 8.6 million people are among Africa's poorest.

Enter Jonas Savimbi, the monolithic figure at the top of the UNITA organization, and by all accounts, an astute, charismatic leader. As a member of Angola's largest tribe, the Ivimbu, he claims his followers are inadequately represented in the Marxist government. In a recent visit to Washington, Savimbi sold himself as the best bet to bring home the first victory for the Reagan administration's global anti-communist struggle. And to reinforce this message, Savimbi armed himself with a public relations and lobbying firm, Black, Manafort, Stone, and Kelly, whose services cost UNITA $600,000.

Savimbi says that 1986 is a critical year in the 11-year-old war, predicting that timely military aid from the US could force the present government to the negotiating table by December. Last March, the Reagan administration was convinced, and sent a number of sophisticated "stinger" anti-aircraft missiles as well as light anti-tank weapons. CIA training is said to already be taking place in a secure encampment in UNITA territory.

However, at last Thursday's forum, both Marcum and Stockwell expressed doubt that aid to Savimbi would bring Angolan president Jose Edward Santos to the negotiating table. In fact, according to Marcum, the result will be to "create the very effect that we most want to avoid" by "increasing the dependency of the Angolan government on the presence of Cubans who are vital to protect that government from being overthrown." The number of Cubans in Angola have in fact varied in direct proportion to the level of South African assistance to UNITA.

Critics also charge that Savimbi's apparent popularity in Washington is not shared by most African nations. He is viewed by many on the continent as a South African puppet and as a result, according to Marcum, covert aid to UNITA "obviously links us in alliance with South Africa." In a recent interview with *African Report*, Congressmember Matthew McMugh (D-NY) said African governments will be legitimately asking "why the US is prepared to assist UNITA while refusing to aid those who have taken up arms against the white minority government in South Africa."

Other congressional opponents of covert aid have argued that it will dilute the impact of the recently imposed economic sanctions against the Pretoria regime, and Marcum said that it has "rendered a farce" the US's longstanding military embargo against South Africa. "I would be utterly amazed if the South Africans hadn't taken the 'stinger' apart bit by bit," he said, "and are at this time already developing a plan for producing them in their own arms industry." Ironically, the sanctions bill contains an amendment that would permit cooperation between the CIA and South African intelligence forces.

In government-controlled areas of Angola, villagers have reported widescale human rights violations by UNITA. In one incident, UNITA descended upon the small town of Camabatela one early morning and went on a rampage, ransacking homes and government buildings, and blowing up a water tower and gasoline stations. Residents were rousted from their beds, ordered out of their homes and killed indiscriminately. By the time the guerillas left two hours later, 107 villagers were dead, including the Methodist pastor and four of his children. Later, 13 of the 75 wounded, who were taken to the hospital for wounds inflicted by bullets, machetes, and knives, also died.

Other wanton deeds for which UNITA guerillas included blamed are injuries inflicted on thousands of peasants by land mines, which are planted to force them to abandon their land and flee to the towns. In the Huambo region, where the fighting has been very fierce, the Geneva-based International Red Cross has opened a factory to manufacture artificial limbs and train land-mine victims how to use them. Countrywide, the number of war maimed Angolans waiting for artificial limbs is 23,000.

As the US steps onto the war-wearied Angolan battlefield, the stakes have undoubtedly been raised, and two large, well equipped armies seem poised for a prolonged and bloody confrontation. Although the negotiation table has not yet been ruled out, support for covert aid has certainly jeopardized the US position as arbitrator. For Angola the most important battle still lies ahead.

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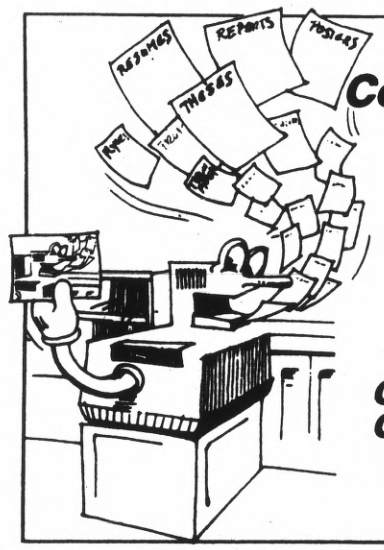

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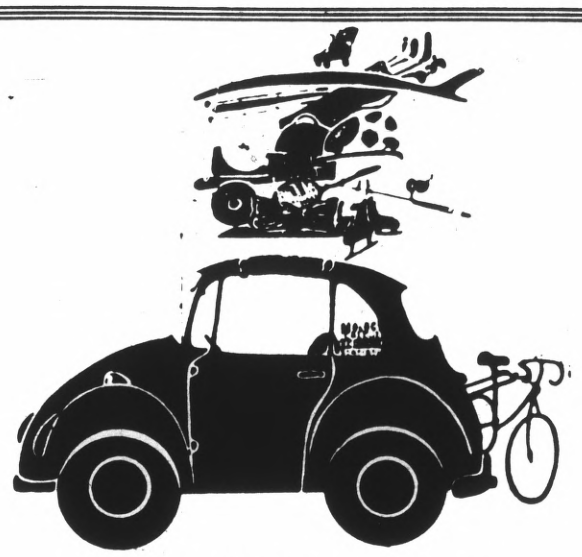

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In East Africa it is not uncommon to see an African woman carrying a large load effortlessly—on her head. In Ghana, a woman may glide through the open market place with a cage full of chickens or a small table filled with glassware on her head, and in Nairobi, schoolgirls skip home and hold hands with piles of books on their heads.

A study recently completed by researchers at the University of Nairobi shows that the seeming ease with which African women carry weights on their heads is very real. African women can carry up to 20 percent of their body weight on their head without spending any energy. The study shows that a 130-pound African woman can carry 26 pounds on her head and use no more energy than she would carrying nothing at all.

This feat is not easily duplicated by others. Norman Heglund, a Harvard physiologist who helped conduct the study, carried a bag of sand and gauged his energy consumption. The more sand he carried, whether on his head or on his back, the more energy he used. And the Harvard biomechanics expert is not the only one easily outdone by African women's artful strength: another study showed that army recruits also use more energy to carry a 75 pound backpack than an African woman uses carrying the same amount of weight on her head.

Heglund theorizes that African women have made physiological adaptations to carrying weight more easily because they begin carrying heavy loads at an early age. He also thinks African women have developed balancing skills that allow them to carry heavy weights smoothly, noting that little energy is wasted with even locomotion.

And African women haven't energy to spare. African women do about 70 percent of the farm work on the continent, according to a recent United Nations Report. Rural women sometimes work 14 to 16 hour days, fetching wood and water at the beginning and end of each day. These loads are often carried on her head.

Heglund also speculates that African women "have adapted their spines to support the loads through bones rather than muscles." This bone-support theory stems from a recent finding that when African women stand still, they can hold up to 70 percent of their body weight on their heads and use no energy. In other words, a 130 pound African woman can balance 91 pounds on her head with no problem. "For a westerner to consider carrying 70 percent of his body weight on his head is inconceivable," said Heglund.

## "Art As Magic"

Most everyone has an altar—be it a cluttered desk top, a table with crystals and incense, or a sentimental pile of laundry—which makes their personal space meaningful and all their own. On Sunday November 2, from 12 to 8pm, eight Santa Cruz women artists will build their personal altars at the UCSC Women's Center (the Cardiff House) for all the world to see.

Mary Blaettler, the coordinator of the event, has envisioned this altar show for the last eight years. Each artist will build her altar from different materials and perceptions, for a communal, yet personal, statement of women's art. The eight women, among them spiritualists, therapists, and "free-floaters," will create their works in the rooms throughout the Cardiff House.

"We're going to build our altars, do our thing, and then take them down," said artist Roberta Almarez.

## Just Another Manic Mommy

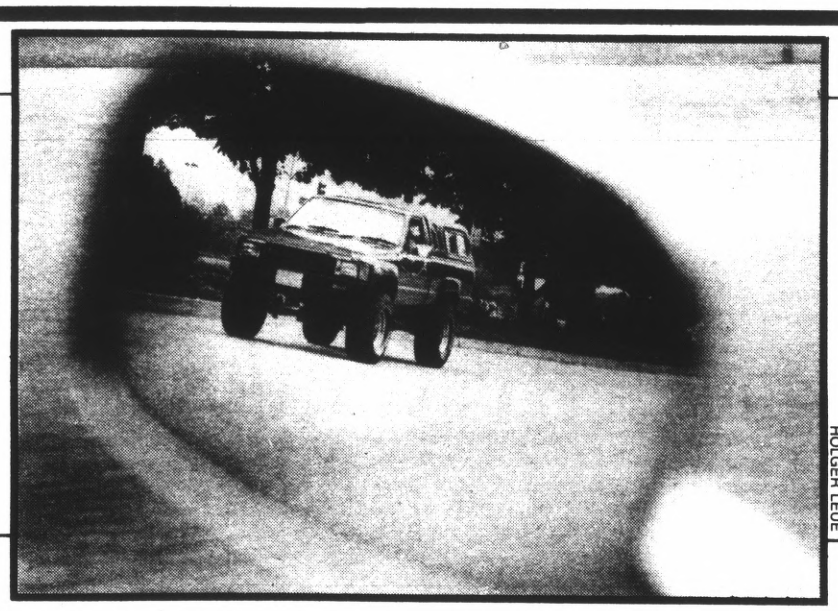
Do you blame your mother for your problems? The trend is nothing new, as mother-blaming has enjoyed a long history with mental health professionals, among them Sigmund Freud. More recent phrases coined by the mental health world, such as "overprotective mother" and "maternal deprivation," encourage the notion that mothers are responsible for their children's psychological problems.

Psychologist Paula Caplan, head of the Centre for Women's Studies in Education in Toronto, Canada, was intrigued by the idea that the women's movement might have helped stop the stereotyping of problem mothers. She studied a score of mental health journals published between 1970—close to the height of the modern women's movement—and 1982. Unfortunately, she discovered mother-blaming had not slowed down, but rather had "continued in epidemic proportions."

Caplan's recently published study revealed that mental health professionals still blame mothers for a wide range of problems. In the 125 articles surveyed in her study, mothers "were held responsible for 72 different kinds of psychological disorders in their children, ranging from agorophobia to arson, hyperactivity to schizophrenia, and premature mourning to homicidal transexualism." She also noted that not one mother was considered emotionally healthy in the articles, although some fathers were, and no mother-child relationship was described as healthy, although some father-child relationships were "ideal."

Mothers were also written about far more extensively than fathers. Fathers were almost exclusively described in terms of age and occupation, whereas the mother's emotions were usually scrutinized—and almost always concluded to be "sick."

Caplan concluded her study by pointing out that mother-blaming is "not only scientifically implausible, but also socially destructive." She argued that as long as mothers are assumed to be the cause of children's problems, it is just a matter of deciding which category of bad mothering fits the situation. Caplan also stressed some basic facts, among them that mothers are much more visible to therapists than are fathers, and that because mothers give birth and lactate, society deems them more suited to all phases of child-rearing than men.



HOLGER LEUE

# Wankers on Wheels

by Rose Dean

AS A WOMAN, I WILL never understand the close relationship and fascination some men have with cars. An ex-boyfriend of mine used to wipe his down everyday, and my father the neat freak used to make his four children wipe their feet before getting into his car. Now I see my next-door-neighbor washing his car everyday—soap, water, windex and all. I once hinted to a car-obsessed male that his vehicle was a rolling phallic symbol and he laughed. But his beaming eyes told me he thought my observation was true.

It's the added phenomena of how vocal some men are behind the wheel of a moving automobile that really intrigues me. Not that I'm entirely innocent when it comes to enjoying free speech from a moving automobile—I may have barked at many a tourist, but I'm never as crude as the men I've encountered. There must be some instinctual fraternal order which compels these men to release any senseless dribble which enters their minds.

Undeniably, obscenities directed towards women are meant to put us in our societally-imposed place—beneath men. But after about ten years of being the involuntary audience to male actors in stop light theatre, my strength as a woman is augmented, not denigrated. At this point, the infantile and absurd comments men have made to me convince me that these autobound individuals are brain-damaged. Thus I pity the fools who spit profanities from cars—why waste anger on despising a dimwit?

Beyond the standard "Hey baby," hoots, and whistles which most women experience daily, much more lurid instances illustrate that these men didn't eat their vegetables while growing up and therefore can't think clearly. One afternoon, my friend Jennifer and I stood waiting on our bikes for a red light to change by the boardwalk. One of those giant trucks with tractor tires screeched around the corner, and as the driver drooled, stared, and miraculously did not drive off the road, his equally dexterous friend climbed out the passenger's window. With his headbanger hairdo blowing in the wind he screamed, "Where have you been all day? We wanted to get our dickkkkks wetttttt!"

Jen and I looked at each other, momentarily dumbstruck. Then we started laughing. Many women may have reacted differently, feeling insulted and degraded. Why bother? These two men were driving from the boardwalk where beaches and water abound—I chose not to waste emotions on two goons who were surrounded by water and didn't know how to wet their weenies.

*Perhaps these fast-driving fashion consultants should get together and decide what they want women to do.*

More recently I was riding my bike in San Francisco, snarled in Mission District traffic. Another huge truck pulled up next to me with, lo and behold, a twentieth-century viking at the wheel. A hand cuff earring dangled from his earlobe, enhancing the scars on his face. He smiled, revealing a few missing teeth, and said, "I'd really like to get to know you better. . . ." Then after intense two-second eye contact, he sped away, leaving me in a cloud of exhaust.

I was truly thunderstruck. A living, breathing, Eric the Red reincarnation drove in and out of my life, leaving me with only thoughts of what our lives could've been together. The thought of my losses overwhelmed me: chastity belts, mutton stew, and drunken violence. Instead, all I was left with was the memory of his "Harley-Davidson" and "No Fat Chicks" bumper stickers. What a loss.

But perhaps my fondest experience happened just the other day. I stood across the street from my house, waiting for a lull in the speeding stream of cars so I might cross. Seeing a small break, I ran across as quickly as I could, but not before I heard an unmistakable male tenor shouting, "Take your bra off!"

I stood in my driveway for a second, stunned and slightly embarrassed over the public reference to my bouncing mammary glands. A few moments later however, I regained my composure, and thought differently. I would take off my bra! Enough of the confines of straps, hooks, and underwires! Big deal if it was suggested by an anonymous nitwit!

An hour later, I emerged from my house, braless and ready to stand tall next to any Maidenform woman I met. I headed for the bus stop, thinking of the days when I never wore bras, until the stares from men with periscopes for eyes got to be too much. My thoughts were suddenly interrupted when I heard a loud, "Hey! Put your bra on!" Turning around, I spied a small sports car with two clean cut boys in it. The paternalistic fervor with which they spat their words seemed strangely mature considering they looked all of fifteen years old.

As usual, the boys in their toys drove away, this time leaving me with a minimal fashion tip. What about my uncombed hair? Or my hairy legs? Perhaps these fast-driving fashion consultants should get together and decide just what they want women to do. And then I'd make sure not to do it.

I don't feel I can adequately hypothesize why men say what they do from cars, but I can offer some advice. Next time these types pull up next to you, point them to the nearest hospital—via your middle finger. They need help. ✓

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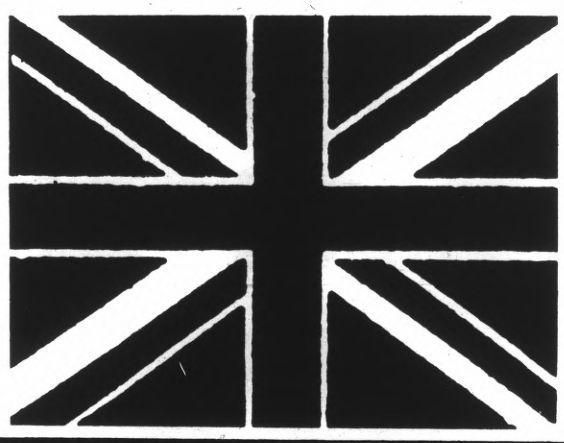

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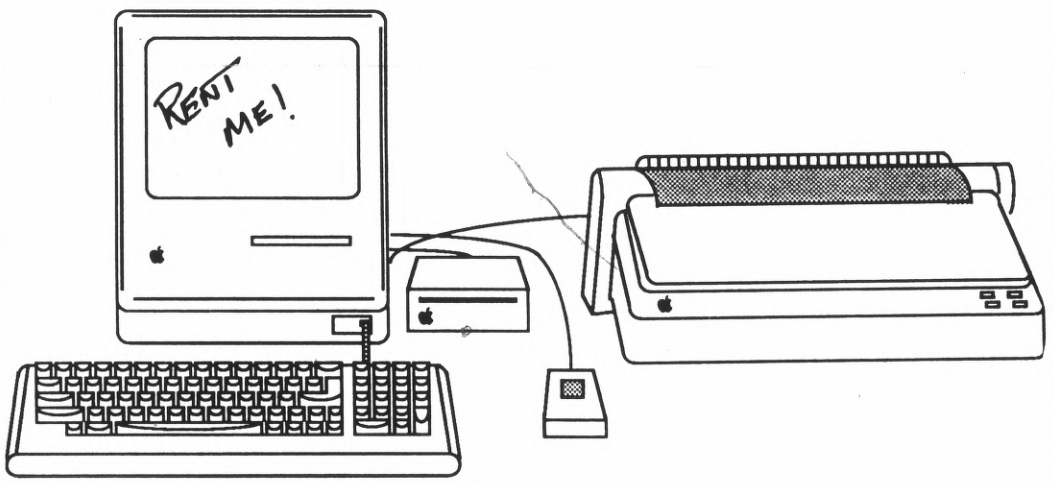


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*Poet Sonia Sanchez*

# Unchained Aesthetics

by Anita Dennis

WHAT WAS ADVERTised as a lecture on "Sexism and Black Women" evolved into a performance by speaker Sonia Sanchez, world renowned poet and author. She left the audience of almost 100 people, Black and white, male and female, holding hands in a circle, feeling inspired, enlightened, and even crying tears of joy.

Sanchez, on campus last Thursday as part of the Oakes College Lecture Series, covered many topics in her two and a half hour discourse, but she focused primarily on sexism and racism. She felt compelled to explain her concept of the history of racism and sexism—as seen through the eyes of a poet and literature professor—because she said, "You can't even hold a conversation on general terms of sexism until you understand what has happened to Black men and Black women in this place called America."

To do this, she read from her essay entitled, *The Poet as Creator of Social Values*, which traces the role of the poet in society since ancient times. She explained that two images used in ancient peotry have been "distorted out of their original context" and are the foundation of modern day sexist and racist attitudes.

The source of sexism, according to Sanchez, stems from the image in ancient poetry of nature divided into male and female roles. "Mother Earth," feminine because the earth is the giver of life, symbolizes storms, natural disasters, and emotions: "Images of women were used to explain how evil crept into the world," Sanchez said. On the other hand, "Father Sky," referring to rain and sun, or that which sparks life, symbolizes spirituality, knowledge, and God—superiority. "The pattern of dominant and receptive" led to socialized sexism, according to Sanchez.

Sanchez said a second image, the dichotomy of night and day, or Black and white, today translates into racism. In ancient poetry, "day" embodied visibility: "the ability to pursue survival, and greater understanding of him/herself in the world," said Sanchez. "Day" connotes wealth, power, knowledge, and good. "Night," however, embodies immorality, deceit, weakness, and evil. From this symbolism, "a weapon of political hegemony" developed, said Sanchez, leading to the creation of the caste system and the institution of slavery.

After Sanchez finished reading from *Poet as Creator*, she visibly relaxed. Her voice became less stiff, her demeanor more natural, and her dialect emerged. The audience, engrossed from the start, continued to listen intently as she explained the effect of slavery on Black women.

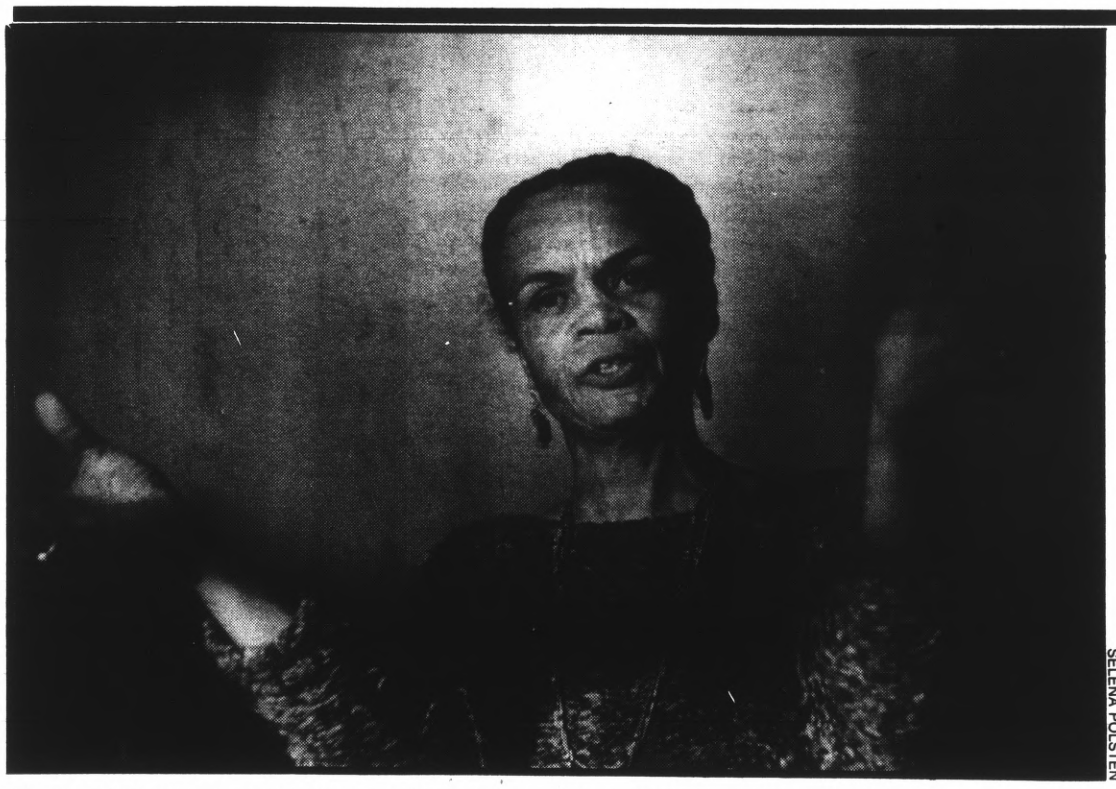
*'Tell me about macho and I'll tell you about a lot of our problems.'*

—Sonia Sanchez

From slavery, Black women developed what Sanchez calls "secondary consciousness." Black women "began to understand power resided in the slave master...and (they) began to look at Black men secondarily, through the eyes of the slave master." Black women had less respect for their husbands because Black men had no power in the white man's house.

For Sanchez, the power of secondary consciousness on Black women has been phenomenal. "I don't think you understand the psychological damage that it (secondary consciousness) has done," she urged. Such insistence that the audience understand her point pervaded Sanchez's talk. She frequently interrupted herself to ask, "Do you understand what I'm saying? Am I making sense?" Each time, the audience murmured a mesmerized "Yes."

Sanchez moved from her discussion of the history of sexism and racism to show how society reacts to sexism and racism without the knowledge of its



SELENA POLSTEN

**Poet and fiery speaker Sonia Sanchez ignited a crowd at Oakes College last Thursday.**

legacy. Sanchez, who was born in Alabama, raised in Harlem, and has traveled worldwide, spoke as an experienced witness to people's reactions.

Sanchez explored the effect of the media in perpetuating Black female inferiority. She examined the movie "She's Gotta Have It"—the story of a Black woman with a healthy sexual appetite. Although the characters sleeps with three men, she refuses to monogamously commit herself to any one. "You have women calling men names—'You're a male chauvinist, sexist pig'—with no understanding of history," Sanchez said of some Black women's response to the movie to illustrate that women react with bitterness and lack of understanding of the origin of sexism. "(Women say) 'He got what he deserved,' and, 'If men do that to us, we'll do the same thing to them.' "

Sanchez paused several times to invite the audience to ask questions, but only two people did. The crowd seemed content to listen passively as Sanchez expanded on the media's impact on women.

According to Sanchez, women are socialized into believing they are inferior through the "idiot box" (television). The American ideal of beauty on television negates black features of full lips, wide noses, and dark skin, Sanchez said; women are encouraged to wear tight clothes to attract men, and men are encouraged to be "macho." "Tell me about macho, and I'll tell you about a lot of our problems," she commented.

Furthermore, television images stereotype black women, said Sanchez, and she cited *Hill Street Blues* and *The Cosby Show* as examples: "Where are all the hard-working Black women?" she asked.

Sanchez continued to describe how black women are socialized to be seen as sexual objects. She recalled an evening when she was on Market Street in San Francisco, leaving City Hall and dressed "professionally." A man drove his car onto the side walk, whistled at her, and flashed her. "The point is, black women, no matter how they're dressed, are looked upon to be exploited." Sanchez declared. "Black women are always looked upon as the whores of the world."

"There is a peculiar hatred for women in this place called America," she concluded. "Tell me about secondary consciousness and I'll tell you about people who never see the beauty in themselves." Sanchez hopes all people will learn to recognize their self-beauty, and overcome societal messages of inferiority.

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Despite the gloomy portrait she painted of American society, this is the message which underlied her speech. Sanchez believes people can overcome racial and sexual barriers by teaching the history of race and sexism, and by talking about the situation.

One student praised Sanchez for addressing both men and women in the audience: "It was trying to bring out love, not antagonism, and I liked that," she said.

"It was spectacular!" commented another student as he left. "I just wanted to reach out and touch her."


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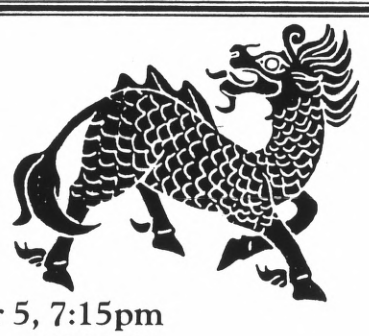

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# CULTURE*clips*

## UNDERGROUND FOUND:

The terms "underground films" is often synonymous with "undershown films." Without *Star Wars*-like backing, good independently-made films might surface only at film schools or at a lone art house in a major city. A bad fate for often good fare.

A group of UCSC film graduates are out to rectify this situation in Santa Cruz, with a four-decade retrospective of American underground film showing this Sunday at the Louden Nelson Center. In *Reel Interests*, six highly-regarded renegade independents will be showcased in a rare screening of their extraordinary work, stuff that makes Nickelodeon offerings seem mainstream. Within the realm of the "underground," these films are nevertheless diverse in both vision and style:

Maya Deren's *Meshes of the Afternoon* (1947)—Deren was hugely responsible for the emergence of the director's individual voice in films, preceding such "personal film" artists as Fellini and Bergman. Her *Meshes* explores the way a casual experience can be elaborately tweaked in a person's subconscious.

Stan Brakhage's *Desistfilm* (1954)—An all-around film scholar and innovator, Brakhage presents "a rippling reality" in liberating his camera from the tripod in filming a teenage party. He sees film as analogous to vision—closed-eye vision as well.

Kenneth Anger's *Scorpio Rising* (1963)—A portrayal of a motorcycle gang leader who evokes both Hitler and Christ elements. Anger doesn't take his filmmaking lightly. "I have always considered movies evil," he says. "The day cinema was invented was a black day for mankind."

Bruce Conner's *A Movie* (1958), *Valse Trieste* (1968), and *Take the 5:10 To Dreamland* (1972)—Conner uses mostly found-footage in assembling his skewed apocalyptic visions with a good dose of comic timing.

C. Larry Robert's *Strong-Willed Women Subdue and Subjugate Reptiles* (1982)—A striking juxtaposition of synchronized swimmers and Florida alligators, with imaginative use of the technique of step-printing (a slowed-down, stuttering, Max Headman effect). The film offers a non-moralizing treatment of power and sex roles.

CINEMOD: *Reel Interests* surveys 40 years of underground American films Sunday at the Louden Nelson Center.

beth and scott b's *Letters To Dad* (1985)—The West Coast premiere of what many film scholars consider to be the best of what's happening in alternative cinema today. These New York filmmakers work exclusively in Super 8 because they "like the way it looks."

Jeffrey Vance, one of the UCSC film graduates putting on the event, hopes to make such showings a regular event—placing Santa Cruz on cinema's splicing edge.

*Real Interests—Sunday, 6 & 8pm, The Louden Nelson Center, 301 Center Street, $4 general, $3 students and seniors.*

## EXQUISITE HAGS:

The Sea Hags make the words "heavy" and "metal" sound like grandma's recipe for fruitcake. As the veritable Evil Knievels of grinding distortion, this San Francisco band has leapt across an ocean of insipid gloss R-'n-R valiantly, and come out tougher than a Ray-O-Vac machine. They're still the only band whose name is spraypainted on SF's Bay Bridge.

Guitarist Ron and Bassist Chris come from Santa Rosa, the town where fictional hardboiled detective Phillip Marlowe grew up. There they jammed through high school, and found drummer Greg in San Francisco. Greg had played for Bo Diddley, Tuxedomoon, Fade to Black, and the Renegades (the original Wire Train). A year and a half later, a lake of sweat and rubble later, a million trembling eardrums and banging heads later, the Sea Hags have rocked full circle and continue to shatter California audiences. Kirk Hammet of speed-metal favorites Metallica has produced four songs on their soon-to-be-released cassette, tentatively titled *Spaced*.

So what sets the Sea Hags apart from the algae overgrowth of formula hard rock bands? Firstly, a keen, uncompromising appreciation for the devil's blues that gives the Hags an evil edge. Secondly, Ron's lyrical dance-nothing short of poetry: Get on my horn and call Big Sam/I need some help lifting this garbage can/With a little heave or a great big shove/Can you feel it now, I'm in the mood for love" ("Bunk Bed Creek").

"At first I didn't want to play with the Sea Hags at all," says drummer Greg, "but Ron's lyrics had me. He's just not writing for commercials." Ron sings of jail, adultery, pirates, witches and hormones on overdrive, all through chainsaw vocal chords.

This Friday, you can see the Sea Hags—or you can stay home and read self-help books, eat laxatives, and Q-Tip your ears. You can see the Sea Hags or you can just throw yourself in the sea. You can see the Sea Hags and you ought to.

*Sea Hags, Friday at the Porter College Halloween Dance (9pm-1am). Tickets $2.50 door/advance, Porter/College VIII students; their guests (1 per student) and other UCSC students, $3.50.*

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It's a stimulating collection of 20th century American music performed by five outstanding Bay area musicians, led by percussionist William Winant. He says these composers "exemplify the pioneering tradition of America. They have re-evaluated the art of culture by exploring new sound sources."

Joining Winant on this musical odyssey will be violinist David Abel, pianist Julie Steinberg, and guest artists Lou Harrison and Bill Colvig. Sponsored by the UCSC Arts and Lectures Program, the concert kicks off the second annual American Music Week. And coming on the tail of a harrowing Halloween weekend, it should be a soothing afternoon of homegrown music.

*Three Generations of American Music—Sunday, 3pm, Performing Arts Concert Hall, UCSC, $8.50 general, $3.50 students and seniors. Tickets available at the UCSC Box Office, the Santa Cruz Civic, and BASS outlets.* ✓

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## *Down By Law*

# Jarmusch Jambalaya

**by Ted Ree**

IF YOU SAW JIM JARmusch's first film, *Stranger Than Paradise*, then *Down By Law* will be a dose of deja vu: a stark black-and-white film tracing the exploits of two deadbeat characters, their going-nowhere lives shaken up by a foreigner.

Jarmusch's latest offering doesn't stray much from *Stranger* style—but that shouldn't be taken as a sign of stagnation. On the contrary, it seems that the New York filmmaker is intent on establishing a new language in film narration, a language that eschews conventional cutting techniques and trusts the audience to discover scenes at its own pace.

*Down By Law* features three more memorable characters: Zack, an unemployed disc jockey (Tom Waits), Jack, a third-rate pimp (John Lurie), and Roberto, an Italian tourist (Roberto Benigni). All three are thrown together in the same prison cell as a result of individual misjudgements, and eventually escape into the surrounding Louisiana bayou country. But the plot isn't what makes the film cook; it's the characters, each a distinct spice thrown into Jarmusch's unique visual style that produces an appetizing comic stew.

These ingredients are best displayed in the scene when Roberto ("Calla me Bob") first enters the prison cell where Zack and Jack are barely tolerating each other, let alone welcoming new cellmates. Benigni, an Italian comic who speaks little English, conveys Roberto's anxiety with Chaplin-like body language while Zack and Jack do their best to ignore him. Jarmusch keeps the camera in one place the whole time without cutting to close-ups or point-of-view shots. The effect is that the audience effectively becomes the fourth cellmate, free to react independently to Roberto's entrance.

Another trait in Jarmusch's films is his penchant for letting scenes go on a few moments longer, underlining the deadpan delivery of the characters and their lingering reactions. This worked well in *Stranger*, but in *Down By Law* it sometimes produces boredom. The problem isn't in the technique itself, but in its choice of application. Within the confines of a jail cell or any room, the camera easily picks up funny nuances even when the characters are doing nothing. But out in the bayou country, while the escapees are trudging along, there's no need for the extensive slow-panning and tracking. Without the colorful interplay, we are left with landscape showcasing, and in black-and-white, who cares?

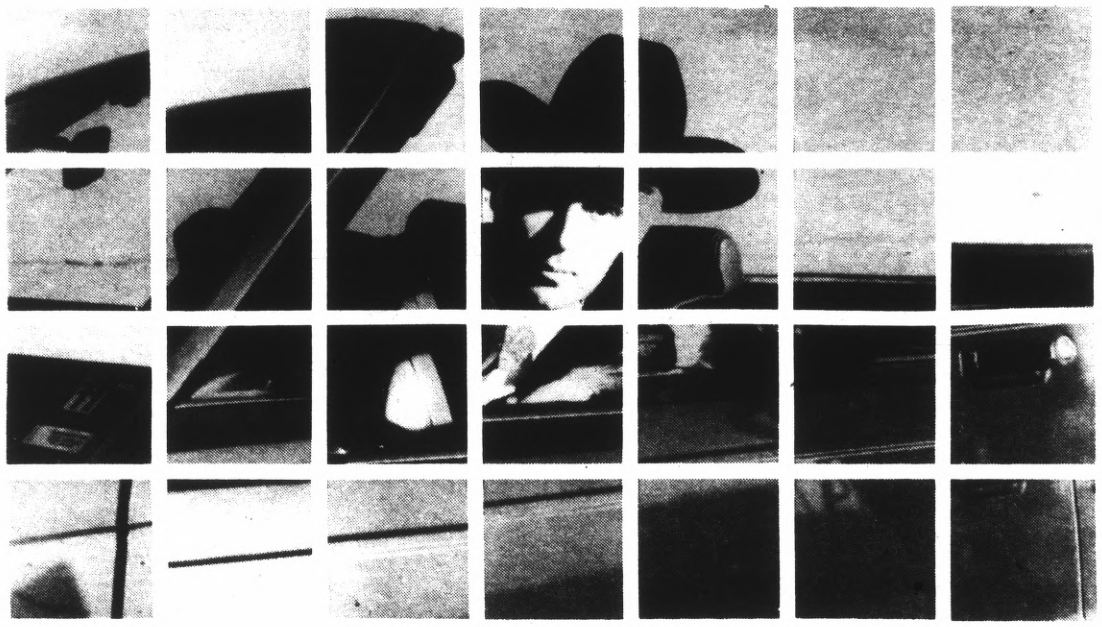
The film dwells too long on the trio's trek through the bayou, where most of their energy is spent on the sheer physical feat of moving through a treacherous environment. The film would've benefited from a different plot twist (maybe finding some sort of civilization sooner); Waits, Lurie, and Benigni are such a volatile mix that we want to see them in top form, relating to each other and mingling with other characters.

Despite what is mainly a plot structure flaw, *Down By Law* is highly watchable for many of the same reasons *Stranger* was: poetically offbeat characters, pacing that enhances the comic situations, and the overall sense of discovery we feel while watching. Jarmusch invites us to share his comic vision without coercing us. ✓

Down By Law *is now playing at the Movie I & II.*

## *True Stories*

# Tabloid Town, Texas



**by Kristen Prestridge**

CAN YOU THINK OF any other car you'd rather visit middle America in than a red convertible Chrysler Le Baron? Can you think of anyone you'd rather have as your personal tour guide than David Byrne? Such a nice young man, always wears such lovely suits. . . .

The first feature-length episode of The Madcap and Maniacal World of David Byrne showcases Mr. Byrne as narrator and director extraordinaire of *True Stories*, a documentary-ish movie he co-scripted with Stephen Tobolowsky and Beth Henley (*Crimes of the Heart*). Mr. Byrne also wrote most of the songs and laid out the soundtrack with the Talking Heads; he's just about the media-makingest outfit in town and *True Stories* is just about the swellest movie to come out of Hollywood since . . . gosh, since forever.

*True Stories* is a series of vignettes, a macrame of lives, landscapes and events in the mythical town of Virgil, Texas. While on tour with the Talking Heads in 1983, Byrne collected stories from sensationalist tabloids. Perhaps for lack of a scrapbook, he created a happy little story and turned it into a welcome wagon of a movie. Byrne tells *Time* magazine (yes, he was on the cover), "I discovered that it's more fun to like things, that you can kind of like things and still be gently critical, without blind acceptance."

Byrne's new sincerity shines through in *True Stories*. The sparkling industrial landscape of Virgil is so clean a baby could eat off it; pre-fab white cubes ("just hang a sign and you've got your own business") nestled between crystal blue skies and verdant fields are shot in postcard-perfect clarity. There's none of the cynicism or malice typically associated with filmmakers like John Waters or David Lynch, who work in a similar let's-take-an-honest-look-at-America genre.

As a director, Byrne is *The* Mr. Bitchen Himself. He achieves and maintains a delicate balance between the disparate elements of narrative, film, video and music. The end product is a multi-faceted peek at Anywhere, USA.

The strength of *True Stories* lies not in the plot (there practically isn't one), but in the artful handling of the visual and aural elements. Byrne and director of photography Ed Lachman are as concerned with how images tell the story as character development. Lachman calls the visual narrative a "snapshot reality."

Characters are revealed as much through their personal landscape as through their dialogue; each frame is packed with icons of daily existence. The electric page turner and eating devices remind us that Miss Rollings (Swoosie Kurtz) is the Laziest Woman in the World. The Cute Woman's (Alix Elias) house is choked with frilly gingham and other adorable ecoutrements. The Edvard Munch-inspired portrait of the civic-minded couple about town, the Culvers (played by Annie McEnroe and Spalding Gray) remind us that they're not the ideal couple they appear to be. Thanks to co-writer Henley, the dialogue is snappy and polished: "Be sexy in business. Be successful at night."

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The composition of characters, landscape, video montage and soundtrack has the potential for 3-ring chaos, but Ringmaster Byrne maintains control. There's a safety net of repetitive images, sounds, voices and music which grounds the view. Caroline Biggerstaff's streamlined editing keeps the film from becoming a series of rapidly edited, relentlessly unrelated images. (Who needs the high blood pressure caused by MTV?)

The musical landscape is everything you'd expect from David Byrne. A melange of ethnic influence filters through, like musak in a shopping mall, reminding us that the USA is a melting pot and that true patriotism must embrace all cultures.

The earth moves when Mr. Tucker (Pops Staples in his acting debut) adds his soul to the zydeco inspired *Papa Legba* while working his voodoo love ritual. "Radio Head" Ramon (Tito Larriva of the Plugz) shakes his spandex-coated stuff in a hilarious club appearance with Los Globos. A group of 4-H kids parade over the "imaginary landscape" of a not-yet-built suburbia, banging on hubcaps and chanting "I wanna video. I wanna rock and roll. I wanna go to the shopping mall." And you know David Byrne's got 'em all in total control.

Go see this movie many times: *True Stories* is a veritable Sears catalogue of surreal-life Americana . . . grass suits? Chocolate covered Talking Heads? This film has it all. ✓

True Stories *is now playing at the Aptos Twin theater.*

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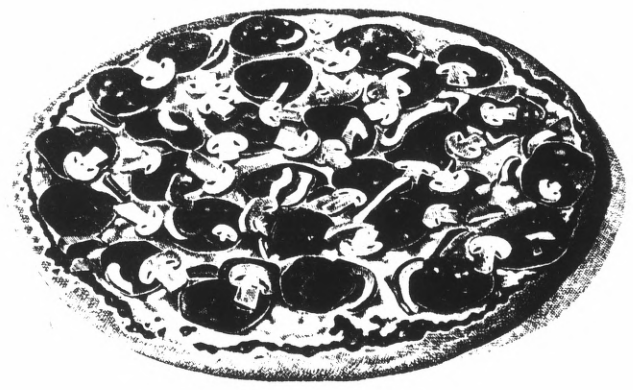

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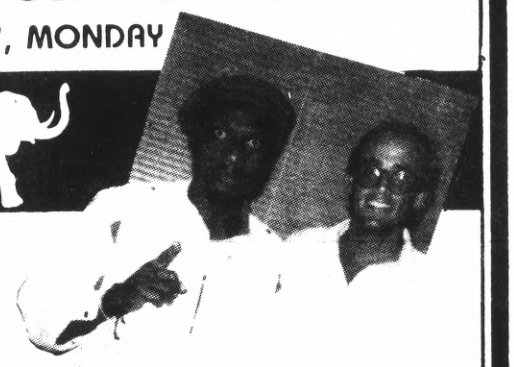

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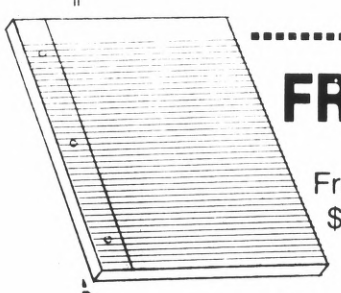

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HOLGER LEUE

# Nightlife of the Living Dead

by Barbara Hulley

DO YOU REMEMBER what you were doing on Halloween night 10 years ago? Chances are, you were dressed up in some non-offensive get-up with a group of friends, knocking door-to-door throughout your neighborhood, hoping for the best treat you could get.

I always bemoaned the kind of people who, worried about the teeth and health of the children, would pass out apples, raisins, and even pencils. I wanted the *real* thing: chocolate, and lots of it. At evening's end my friends and I would dump our bounty on the floor and divide it all, comparing how many of each sort of candy we had received. Then an elaborate trading session would go on. Those ritualistic evenings ended only when chocolate gradually became less important, and as we became too large to wear sheets over our heads.

For those of us who are no longer children, (physically at least), Halloween is a many-sided tradition, more than mere sweet acquisition. To whet your appetite for the traditional Halloween fright, here's a guide to local all hallows happenings. Mike Moran, the host of KUSP's "Lend Me Your Ears" program, will read various **Halloween tales** live at Caffe Pergolesi (426-1775), this Wednesday and Thursday at 8pm and on Friday at 8 and 9:30pm; admission's $3. The readings are billed as "not for the squeamish"—those of you who couldn't sleep after reading "The Headless Horseman," beware.

The Capitola Village Association offers day-time activity with a community spirit at their yearly **Halloween parade**, which begins at 3pm at the Capitola City Hall (it's free).

As you've probably discovered already, Halloween is a unique night to party. We all physically become something from our own imagination, (the wilder the better), and the desire to share our individual flights of fantasy with others is infectious. No longer in search of chocolate, the goal now is to find the best party or club in which to share the evening's enjoyment.

The primary Halloween offering is an evening of dancing and bands, with prizes given for costumes; these can be attended by all ages: **The Saturn Cafe** (429-8505), celebrates the occasion with a rare night of "dancing saturnians," with free admission. Prizes will be given to weird costumes, so don't drag that old witch's hat out of the closet unless you plan to pair it with combat boots. At **Dianne's Place** (427-2705), you can see three bands, Box O' Laughs, Wrestling Worms, and The Quiet Ones, for only $3 cover charge from 9pm until 2am, well into the "ghostly hour." This is not labelled as a Halloween event, but the promoters say "a costume might reduce the door charge." The **Santa Cruz Civic** (429-3444) gets involved in a big way with a Wild Fright Night, starting at 7:30pm, with a $5.25 charge at the door. The costume contest has many different categories, such as best nightmare and best famous person, and offers cash prizes, so that you can reclaim some of the money you spent on your costume. **Earth First!** offers a Halloween party with a special environmental twist: show up looking like your favorite endangered species. This free event will take place at 7:30pm at 118 Plum Street.

Those of you who are 21 or older have other bewitching alternatives. **The Catalyst's** (426-1336) Halloween Costume Ball features the "Afro-Funk Dance Kings," otherwise known as The Bonedaddys. Running from 9pm to 1am, the price is $8 advance or $9.50 at the door and the party will include surprize prizes.

Not to be outdone, **O.T. Price's** (476-3939) is celebrating their 8th annual Halloween party with 30 prizes for best costumes and a Mazatlan vacation give-a-way. The Hydromatics will liven things up with their R&B mixture of 50s and 60s hits. Tickets are $4 at the door and the show goes from 9:30pm until 1:30am.

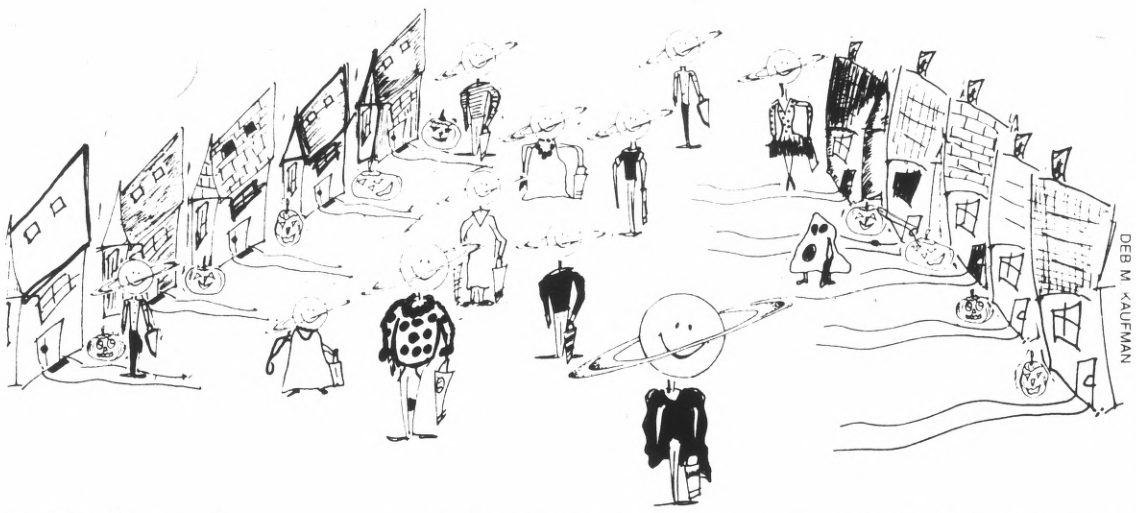
**The Cocoanut Grove** promises to be uncharacteristically out of control with a Halloween party featuring Zulu Spear. Beginning at 8:30pm and sponsored by *Good Times*, the event costs a hefty $12.50, but it should be worth it. The music continues at **Tampico Grande,** (335-4307) at 6275 Highway 9 in Felton, where a Costume Ball party will go from 9pm until 1am with two bands, Back Alley and Blue Aces. Dress to impress, because the best costume wins a trip to Mexico for two.

That Halloween spirit is not lost here on the UCSC campus either. For those of you who want to party at the University, it too will be transformed by the human imagination. Porter College, famous for enjoying Halloween in a big way, is hosting a Dance or Be Damned party, with five, yes five bands in its quad. They are: Sea Hags, The Rhythm Daddies, The Drainpipes, Shopping Cart Full of Bricks, and Public Embarassment. This should be a good place to see and be seen.

**Stevenson** gets into the spirit with another large dance, with a DJ, from 9pm until midnight; you might also want to check out their **Haunted House.**On the more quiet side, **Kresge** will be offering two films for $2: **Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory** at 7pm, and **American Werewolf in London** at 9pm.

Oakes will also be showing movies, various different Halloween (i.e. scary) movies, for free in Oakes 105 starting at 9:30pm. Both **Cowell** and **College Eight** will be holding their celebrations on other days: Cowell will be having their traditional waltz on Saturday, from 9pm to 1am in the dining hall. And College Eight is offering a Cultural Happy Hour Thursday at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center downtown from 4:30-7pm. The Beagles will be playing 50's and 60's music, costume is optional, and it'll cost $1 for College Eight students and $1.50 for other students. Bring your student ID, and proof of age if you want to indulge.

# True Terror Tales




by J. Nolan Void

TWO FACTS ABOUT Halloween: 1) it's supposed to be scary, and 2) it's not scary. Disagree with the latter? Okay, I'm a vampire and I'm perched right behind you, about to sink my fangs into your neck. BOO!

See? Your spine remains decidedly chill-free. Halloween is supposed to be more than a costume party and dentists' subsidy; it has its roots in the ancient Celtic ceremony of *Samhain*, the annual communion with the uncanny and the undead. In other words, that 8-year-old dressed like an Ewok on your doorstep shouldn't be getting just a bite-sized Baby Ruth—the tyke should also be getting a hair-raising taste of what it's like to play that game we all play eventually, Kick The Bucket. Hey, it's never too early to build a healthy rapport with one's own mortality, right? That's why I suggest—as a public service, mind you—that you dispense the following tot traumatizers along with the treats:

•"Here, have some M&Ms. By the way, what would have happened to you if your parents had never met?"

•"Happy Halloween! But how do you know you're *really* you, and not someone else who was reincarnated? Huh?"

•"Hey, great costume! But are you really a little boy pretending to be a ghost—or are you *a ghost pretending to be a little boy?*"

Naah. On second thought, just clam up and fork over the candy; they'd probably go screaming straight to Mommy and/or Daddy, the ungrateful little brats, and then you'd be charged with attempting to practice secular humanism on a minor or something. But the fact remains: for my generation, raised on the cereal-pitching Count Chocula, Sabrina the Teen-Age Witch and Casper the Friendly Ghost (not to mention *Bewitched*, *The Munsters* and *The Addams Family*)—the old iconography of fear has long since been defanged. Far more in the true spirit of *Samhain* was the dream I had last night...or should I say nightmare [*fade to dream sequence; frame goes blurry*]?

I found myself standing before a massive Greco-Romanesque temple-like edifice, surmounted by a marble dome. All around me, people were scurrying into the building carrying small bundles, and striding out carrying what appeared to be large quantities of cash and tactical nuclear warheads.

## Void WHERE PROHIBITED

Rushing into the "temple," I saw that its rotunda was the lair of a monstrous, hideous beast—immensely bloated, drooling what appeared to be red ink. To my horror I saw that the bundles were actually infants, and that the crowd was throwing them into the monster's maw! "What's going on?" I demanded of a manically-grinning fellow to the right of me.

"It's the Deficit! To get what we want, we just appease it with our grandchildren! Great-grandchildren! Ungrateful little brats really, but we're sure they won't mind paying for our Invisible Peace Shield, our Invisible Peace Shield Buster and our Invisible Peace Shield Buster Buster!" I recoiled in shock at this sacrificial cult...but then the scene shifted and I was seated in an expansive movie theater, watching *Citizen Kane* in all its big-screen glory. But just at the famous "Declaration of Principles" scene, a high-pitched whine began to emerge from behind the screen.

The audience sent up a collective cry of terror. "Oh no! It's the Hollywood Chainsaw Massacre!" cried someone. And indeed it wa : the chainsaw ripped through the screen and a hockey-masked maniac stalked on stage!

"Sorry folks, this is due to become the Cineplex 37," crowed the craven cut-up, indeed sawing the screen into as many pieces (each roughly the size of a Sony Trinitron). "We need the space to show modern fare, like *Intergalactic Junior High*, or *Blood-Crazed Coeds*, or *Mad Moishe the Kosher Killer*, or *Star Trek XV: The Search for Spock's Bifocals!*" Then, chainsaw roaring, he lunged right at me...

...then the scene shifted again, and I found myself prone before what appeared to be a high tribunal. A baliff was reading: "J. Nolan Void, you are hereby charged with being soft on drugs, soft on Communism, failing to uphold traditional Christian values and using too many big words. Also, you slouch. Do you confess?"

"Er, no. I stand by my Constitutional rights, I guess."

"Ungood!" cried the judge. "Doubleplusungood! Expunge that from the record! Expunge *him* from the record!" he said, pointing at me. "That was one big word too many! Eggheads like you give America a bad name." His gavel flew through the air, straight toward my head...

...and then I woke up. Just a dream, right? Nonetheless, I'm giving up on trying to put scariness back into Halloween—times like these make me long for my ol' pal Count Chocula.

*Even if his parents hadn't met, J. Nolan Void would probably still be Recreational Science correspondent for* City on a Hill.

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**VOLUNTEERS IN ASIA** Live with a family in an Asian community, teach English, and take your UCSC studies into the field. Learn about how you can spend six months to two years as a Volunteer in Asia. Come to the second orientation meeting, November 5, 7:15pm in the Merrill Baobab Lounge. For more info, call the Merrill Field Program, 429-4054.

**CHANCELLOR ROBERT L. SINSHEIMER** and Chairperson Patrick E. Mantey cordially invite you to attend an Open House to commemorate the dedication of The Baskin Center for Computer Engineering and Information Sciences. November 6, 4-7pm, third floor, Applied Sciences Building. Call 429-2501.

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**PREPARING FOR AND TAKING EXAMS** Rosalee Cabrera, EOP Counselor, will help you learn to disarm exams through preparation and review. November 4, 3:30-5.

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**GRE MATH REVIEW** Need to brush up on your math skills before the December 13 GRE? Re-Entry Services is offering four workshops in November to cover the math problems given on the general exam. The workshops are free, however students must purchase an $8 guidebook. Call 429-2552 to reserve a space.

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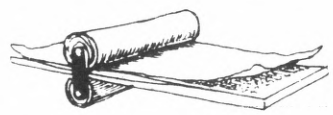

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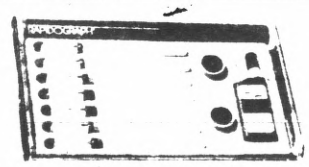

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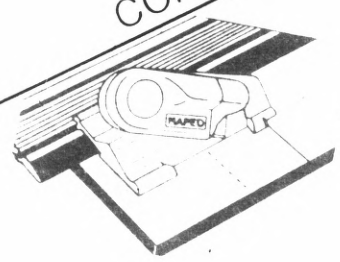

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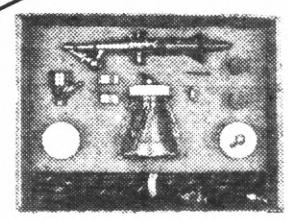

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